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Fort Pierce, Fla., resident Pam Custis cries while on the phone with her son Friday in front of the remains of her condo. Hurricane Jeanne was expected hit the area late Saturday, the fourth to hit the state this season. "I know people are frustrated, they're tired of all this," Gov. Jeb Bush said. "Trust me, their governor is as well."

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World

Pakistan sanctions: Pakistan's prime minister said Saturday the government is lifting economic sanctions in a tense region near Afghanistan to encourage help in tracking down foreign militants and those who shelter them.

The sanctions, including the closure of shops and seizure of vehicles, were imposed in South Waziristan this year to punish tribesmen for failing to evict suspected foreign terrorists from their areas.

Under a Pakistani law based on centuries-old customs, an entire tribe can be held responsible for crimes committed by one of its members — and can be punished collectively.

Japanese abductions: Japanese and North Korean envoys began a new round of talks Saturday on a dispute over Japanese nationals abducted by the North's agents decades ago, and the chief Japanese delegate said he would press for new details on their fate.

The working-level meeting was the second round of talks on the abductees. North Korea had promised earlier to investigate the fate of as many as 10 missing Japanese, but Japanese officials said it failed to disclose any new information during a first round last month in the Chinese capital.

"I am looking forward to seeing the report, which they said they have speeded up," the chief Japanese delegate, Akitaka Saiki, said as he went into the talks Saturday at a Beijing hotel.

Taliban fighting: U.S. troops and helicopter gunships killed five suspected Taliban rebels in Afghanistan on Friday, hours after militants attacked Afghan army troops in southern Afghanistan, a provincial governor said.

The Taliban fighters attacked a checkpoint of Afghanistan's fledgling national army at midnight in the area of Ther Nasar in Deh Rawood district, 105 miles north of Kandahar, said Jan Mohammed Khan, governor of Uruzgan province.

Army forces fought back, and the attackers fled after wounding four soldiers, he said.

"On our request, U.S. forces and helicopter gunships went to the area and killed five Taliban after tracing them," he said, adding that 20 Taliban fighters were involved in the violence and that five of them were killed.

Asian bird flu: Dead swallows discovered on an island in the disputed Spratly chain tested negative for bird flu Saturday, Malaysian authorities said, easing fears that the disease was spreading beyond a quarantined northern state.

Five Malaysian navy sailors placed under hospital observation after coming in contact with the birds on Layang-Layang island were making rapid recoveries, officials said. Only one remained ill, probably from a pre-existing respiratory infection, they said.

A veterinary team was being sent to the island Sunday to take new samples from swallows because the tests may not be fully reliable since there was no accurate data on when the birds died, officials told the national news agency Bernama.

Russia military satellite: Russia on Friday successfully launched a military satellite from its northern launchpad, the Space Forces said.

A Soyuz-U booster rocket blasted off at 8:50 p.m. from the Plesetsk cosmodrome in northern Russia, putting the Kosmos-2410 satellite into a design orbit, the Space Forces said in a statement carried by the Interfax and ITAR-Tass news agencies.

The statement said that the satellite belongs to a new generation of space vehicles that would form the core of Russian satellite fleet through 2015.

Israel whistleblower: Mordechai Vanunu, who was imprisoned for 18 years for spying



Flooding from Ivan: Rob Gilliland wades through knee-high water after removing materials from his flooded business in Marietta, Ohio. Ohio communities that were damaged by last week's flooding from remnants of Hurricane Ivan are running dangerously low on food and other supplies, aid workers said Friday. Workers recently had to tell more than 100 people waiting in line at a food bank in southeastern Ohio that provisions had run out for the day, said Lisa Hamler-Podolski, director of the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks.

Israel's nuclear secrets, said Friday that he believed his action had changed the world.

In an interview broadcast by the World Service of the British Broadcasting Corp., Vanunu said he had relied on radio, newspapers and magazines to follow world news during his imprisonment.

The interviewer asked what he had made of major events such as the fall of the Berlin Wall.

"My conclusion was that my revelation about that very serious nuclear weapons in Israel, a very large stockpile that no one imagined, made all the world very alert," he said by telephone from Jerusalem.

Vanunu was convicted of treason in 1988 for divulging information and pictures of Israel's top-secret nuclear reactor.

States

International space station: International space station crewmembers may have to abandon the outpost later this year if astronauts can't fix oxygen supply problems, a NASA official said.

Bill Gerstenmaier, the station's program manager, said NASA was "a long way from making the move and that the possibility reflects concerns over several failed attempts to determine what's wrong with a Russian-made oxygen generator.

If the crew were to leave, the space station could be empty for months. Scientists in Moscow and Houston would control the station until crews return.

Bush Guard records: The Pentagon released 10 pages of records from President G. Bush's Vietnam-era service in the Texas Air National Guard, but the files shed no new light on his military career.

The records include several that have been released before and others that are administrative files or cover letters to other documents that have been previously released.

The Defense Department released the records Friday in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit by The Associated Press.

Friday was the court-ordered deadline for the Pentagon to turn over all records it could find on Bush's Texas Air National Guard service.

Delay ethics: Ethics committee Chairman Joel Hefley of Colorado and ranking Democrat Alan Mollohan of West Virginia rebuffed complaints that the panel cannot fairly judge House Majority Leader Tom Delay of Texas because

Delay of Texas was cause four of the five Republicans on the committee received contributions from him.

"Both of us are confident in the ability of each of our fellow members, without exception, to execute their responsibilities faithfully and fairly, regardless of any political affiliations or personal relations," the two said in a statement.

Hefley also has rejected calls for an independent counsel to investigate Delay, a fellow Republican.

Military

Hunley conservation: Scientists using DNA have positively identified one of the crewmen of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, the first submarine in history to sink an enemy warship.

Officials announced Friday that they have positively confirmed the identity of crewman Joseph Ridgway using DNA from a descendant.

The hand-cranked Hunley made history on Feb. 17, 1864, when it rammed a spar with a black powder charge into the Union blockade ship Housatonic.

But the sub never returned from the mission. It was found off the South Carolina coast nine years ago, raised in 2000 then brought to a conservation lab at the old Charleston Naval Base in South Carolina.

Stories and photos from wire reports

AAEFES gas prices to dip slightly in Europe

By JESSICA INIGO

Stars and Stripes

DARMSTADT, Germany — Gas prices are falling throughout Europe, including in Turkey and the Azores, which will switch to the Army and Air Force Exchange Services monthly gas pricing policy on Friday.

Now, all AAFES pumps will see a price decrease in October for all gasoline and diesel, according to Energy's latest decrease. Diesel prices, however, increased.

The October average sell price

per gallon will be 2.4 cents lower for regular, 2.1 cents lower for mid-grade, and 2.3 cents for premium. Diesel will be 5.8 cents more this month, AAFES officials announced Saturday.

"Synchronizing the gas policy will ensure that the price of gas at all overseas locations reflects the U.S. market price, month to month," Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, AAFES commander, said in a statement issued by AAFES. "AAEFES' objective is to offer pump prices that are consistent with the CONUS average regardless of where troops are stationed."

Though AAFES gas prices will be standardized, different countries will have different prices because they have different suppliers.

In the Azores, for example, the AAFES price for super unleaded will be \$2.192 per gallon. In Germany, the same grade of gas will cost \$2.214, while it will be \$2.44 in the Netherlands.

The price for normal unleaded fuel will be \$2.024 per gallon in Germany. The price for super-unleaded fuel will be \$2.122, and the diesel price will be \$2.048.

For customers in the Netherlands, the new AAFES price for super-unleaded fuel will be \$2.195 per gallon, while diesel fuel increases to \$2.253.

AAEFES' customers in the United Kingdom will pay \$2.056 a gallon for super-unleaded fuel. Super plus unleaded and LRP are no longer available in the UK. Diesel fuel customers will see a six-cent increase to \$1.982 per gallon.

For customers in Turkey, the new AAFES price for normal unleaded will be \$1.896 per gallon. The price for super-unleaded fuel will be \$2.340 and the price for diesel fuel will decrease to 2.280.

"Before people go out, they should remember to exchange the old Series 5 coupons for the new series," Maj. David Accetta said of the Germany and Netherlands gas coupons that expire at the end of the month.

He also reminds drivers that though the coupons expire soon and can no longer be used off base, they will still be accepted at AAFES gas stations through April. "As a special reminder to diesel drivers, AAFES does not sell diesel, so customers should remember to trade in any old coupons," he said.

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Army ready for annual Land Combat Expo

By JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Army officials are gearing up for the 3rd annual Land Combat Expo, the service's professional development symposium.

The three-day Expo kicks off Tuesday at Heidelberg's Patrick Henry Village Pavilion. The event is open to all U.S. military ID card holders, including family members and civilians.

Seven A-list guest speakers anchor the event, organizers say. Most of the speakers will focus on the theme for this year's Expo which is "U.S. Army Europe: At War and Transforming."

Organizers are promising this year's expo will be the best yet.

New this year, a series of panel discussions with recent veterans from the war in Iraq will explore lessons from the conflict.

"This is probably the most important part of the expo," said event organizer Maj. Tammy McKenna. "If we did nothing else, this would be it. The idea is to look at what individual units did and what they learned. And based on what we learned, this is how we should train to fight for future operations."

McKenna said ideally the panels will become a open forum for troops to "share ideas, ask questions and learn from each other."

In addition to the war-fighting panels, three groups will meet concentrating on homeland issues, she said.

While the Germans have backed out, this year will mark the first appearance by the Polish and Italian militaries at the expo, said McKenna. They'll be joining the British military contingent, a veteran of last year's event.

Each contingent will display a variety of weapons and military hardware, alongside U.S. war

Speakers and topics

Tuesday

■ Gen. B.B. Bell, U.S. Army Europe commander — USAREUR at War and Transforming.

■ Marine Gen. James Jones, U.S. European Command and NATO leader — Transforming NATO in the Global War on Terrorism Era.

■ Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Williams, CSM of Training and Doctrine Command TRADOC update.

Wednesday

■ Lt. Gen. William Wallace, Commander Combined Arms Center — V Corps in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

■ Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth G. Preston

Thursday

■ Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, V Corps commander — Combined Joint Task Force Operations in Iraq.

■ Command Sgt. Maj. Michele Jones, Army Reserve CSM Army Reserve — In the Fight, Ready and Relevant.

— From staff reports

gear including tanks, armored vehicles, helicopters and equipment.

Nearly 250 weapons and military hardware manufacturers, Army commands, associations and veterans groups, among others, will fill a massive tent with displays.

While the exhibits will offer displays from the big names in the defense industry such as Boeing, maker of the CH-47 Chinook and C-17 cargo plane, troops also will get a chance to meet makers of more muddy boots interest, such as waterproof wear maker Gore-Tex.

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An AH-64 Apache Longbow touches down in front of Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg, Germany, as Army officials prepare to kick off the 3rd annual Land Combat Expo on Tuesday.

Up for discussion

By JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — While top leaders will provide keynote addresses throughout the Army's three-day symposium in Heidelberg this week, and unit and hardware displays will pack the expo grounds, "the real meat of the whole thing," says organizer Maj. Tammy McKenna, will come in more than a dozen panel discussions.

Most panels will include a senior officer, a junior officer, senior enlisted and junior enlisted soldiers who will make presentations of their experiences — and lessons learned the hard way — in Iraq.

The panels include:

Tuesday

■ Victory in Sappers — V Corps/CJTF engineers in support of OIF.

■ TF Bandit — The defeat of "Jaysh al Mehdi" militia in Karbala.

■ Divarty — Taming Zone 18: Artillerymen Adapt.

■ SETAF — Full spectrum operations at the battalion task force level.

Wednesday

■ V Corps Artillery — Command and Control of task force operations across the theater.

■ 2nd Brigade Combat Team — Striker-Scimitar: The Battle for al Kut.

■ Division Engineers — The Iron Sappers in Combat: From assured mobility to base camp construction.

■ G-2: Adapting the Cold War intelligence system.

Thursday

■ 2nd BCT — Multi-dimensional approach to complex urban operations.

■ 2nd ACR — Balancing combat, information, and civil-military operations in Baghdad.

■ DISCOM — Turning Around America's Tank Division.

■ 4th Brigade — Air-ground integration: The Eagle Brigade in close combat.

Additionally, repeating all three days will be presentations from a variety of speakers and groups, including three "homofront" panel discussions centering on family life during deployment.

The panels include:

■ Rear detachment

■ Re-integration

■ Family Readiness Groups

Big-name speakers back out of expo

By JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Army officials confirm author and lecturer Ralph Peters, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, is still scheduled to speak at this week's Land Combat Expo in Heidelberg despite a

swarm of controversy around a recent column he wrote that was critical of Germany.

Peters will offer a daily lecture on the future of warfare during all three days of the expo, as well as do book signings.

"Peters will discuss his view that while our military is the best in the world, by far, our country's overall approach to warfare

is now based on false assumptions that hinder us from converting battlefield victories into enduring strategic successes," according to the expo program.

German officials said they were boycotting the event to "avoid confrontation" between Peters and German troops.

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U.S. troops defend legal prostitution

BY JESSICA INIGO
Stars and Stripes

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany — Troops stationed in Germany are seeing red over the Pentagon's proposal to add an anti-prostitution charge to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and it's not just the glow from the local red light district.

Military personnel and their families on Rhein-Main Air Base, only minutes from one of the largest red light districts in the world, are angered by the Department of Defense announcement to change the UCMJ. Those interviewed largely agreed that Germany is not the place to enforce such a law.

Unlike other overseas military installations across the world where sex trade and human trafficking runs rampant, in Germany, prostitution is legal. There are licensed brothels, called Eros Center, where waiting girls run their own rooms for the day. There are no madams.

German women choose prosti-

Many say proposed UCMJ change unfair in Germany, where profession is regulated

tution as a profession and are taxed as regular workers, according to Frankfurt Web sites.

"Where are we talking about?" asked Pfc. Marty Conyers of the 464th Replacement Detachment on Rhein-Main when asked if troops should be punished by one-year confinement and a dishonorable discharge if convicted for paying for sex. Conyers said the anti-prostitution law would be unfair to troops in Germany, because it is legal here.

Army Sgt. Adam Z. Pastor, who just arrived at the replacement detachment on Rhein-Main and is waiting to go to his next unit, agreed, saying the addition to the UCMJ would be "harsh."

"It would be different if it were some third-world country that had no jobs and no opportunity, and women were forced into it,"

Pastor said. "It's a little bit pushy to enforce that law here."

He added that if DOD officials were making the addition for safety reasons, they should think again. "Right off the bat, if it's an issue of safety, there are condoms and stuff like that that soldiers can use."

Spec. Tasha Smith added that the working women in Germany are regularly tested, so there should be nothing stopping troops from using Eros Centers if they choose to.

"It's a legal job, and if a girl wants to make money that way, she should be able to get her customers," Smith said.

Preventing troops from visiting red light districts is going to be difficult, according to Airman 1st Class Gerard Garcia.

"Normally, I don't go to those

places, but I don't think [the addition of an anti-prostitution charge to the UCMJ] is going to work," Garcia said.

"I think, psychologically, we have men who have been away from women and, of course, hormones have built up, especially in the single soldiers," Garcia said. "I don't know what's going to happen, but I know it's not going to work from a psychological point of view."

Not only that, but Conyers said troops should be able to spend their money how they choose.

"I've talked to soldiers who have gone to these places and it doesn't badly affect their military career or badly affect the prostitutes' career," Conyers said, adding, "Soldiers say this is [BS]."

Sgt. 1st Class Henry Mims is of the same mind, adding that the

proposed anti-prostitution article is a little too much control over troops' personal lives.

"Next, they're going to tell us we can't drink or only on the weekends," Mims said. "I think it's stupid."

Dana Molnar, the wife of an active-duty servicemember, says the DOD is silly to fret over where troops are getting it on in Germany.

"It seems like we can spend our time worrying about more important things," she said.

However, Airman Michelle Johnson, who is new to the military and just came into country, brings up a point on the legality of American troops paying for sex.

"I think that if it's illegal in the United States, that it should be illegal for U.S. military members," she said. "We shouldn't be able to do things here, like smoke weed, just because it's legal [where we live or visit]."

"Military members are supposed to do the same as people in the States."

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Sun will disrupt broadcast signals

Stars and Stripes

Viewers and listeners of the American Forces Network may experience programming interruptions from Sept. 28 through Oct. 12 as the fall "sun outage" period occurs, according to a news release from the Defense Media Center.

These seasonal outages, which take place each spring and fall, affect all satellite communications including the AFN radio and television services distributed by DMC, located at March Air Reserve Base, California.

Sun outage-related programming interruptions are characterized by a complete loss of signal for as much as several minutes, according to the organization.

The interruptions occur when the sun's position aligns with broadcast satellites and Earth-station receivers.

The sun's radiation overpowers the broadcast signal, causing the disruption.

The effect of sun outages on satellite-delivered programming received by the DMC will be minimal because alternate satellite feeds of incoming programming can be used to avoid sun outages.

However, worldwide AFN affiliates may experience more significant disruption due to their reliance on a single satellite feed of the AFN services.

This fall's sun outages will be the most severe between Oct. 5 and 7.

Practice makes perfect



Above: Soldiers watch while German emergency response teams care for the "injured" at a simulated bomb explosion at Cambrail-Fritsch Casern in Germany on Saturday morning. Left: Emergency response teams care for the "victims" during the mass-casualty exercise.



Left: Capt. Omer Ozguc, chief doctor on site during the exercise, helps German emergency response teams treat "injuries." U.S. forces worked together with the German disaster protection office, fire department, police, and numerous rescue services. Military installations throughout Darmstadt, Babenhausen, and Aschaffenburg were put on higher alert because of the exercise.

Photos by Jessica Inigo
Stars and Stripes

Speakers: Big names cancel expo plans

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"With no combat experience, their officers might have profited even more from attending the sessions than the American troops, who have experience of their own," Peters said. "This was a great chance for the German military to learn about post-modern war."

Despite the controversy, USAREUR's invitation to Peters still stands. But a slew of other high-profile guests have canceled for varying reasons.

In addition to the Germans, other would-be attendees who have canceled include Gen. John Abizaid, former 1st Infantry Division commander and now chief of U.S. Central Command, who was to speak on his command and the war on terrorism.

But with Iraq in recent weeks getting hit with some of the worst violence since the occupation began, Abizaid has had to cancel due to "scheduling conflicts" said

expo organizer Maj. Tammy McKenna.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, the Pentagon's number two civilian, also has had to cancel because of other commitments. Wolfowitz was to give a brief on the "transformation from the DOD perspective."

Also bowing out is Gen. George Casey Jr., the commander of Multi-National Force-Iraq, who was to speak on the "challenges of an Army at war and transforming," according to the expo program.

The commander of Fort Hood, Texas-based 4th Infantry Division, Maj. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, who was to speak on his unit's yearlong tour in Iraq, as well as retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey, who has been highly critical of the handling of the war in Iraq, also have canceled due to scheduling conflicts, said McKenna.



Odierno

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Peters

N.C. child abuse deaths greater in military areas

BY EMERY P. DALESIO

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — One soldier is in prison for beating to death his 5-year-old son. Another killed his wife's daughter just weeks before her second birthday.

The cases exemplify new statistics showing that children from military families located in two counties are twice as likely to be killed by their parents or other caregivers than other children statewide.

Cumberland County is home to Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, while Onslow County has Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base and New River Marine Corps air station.

Marcia Herman-Giddens, a researcher with the North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute, looked at child abuse homicides in North Carolina between 1985-2000.

In that period, Herman-Giddens found 378 child abuse deaths statewide in that period, which computes to an annual rate of 2.2 deaths per 100,000 children.

In Cumberland County, home to Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, the annual child abuse homicide rate was 4.4 per 100,000 children, and about 5 per 100,000 for military families in the

county. The rate was 3.2 per 100,000 children for Onslow County, and nearly 5 per 100,000 for military families.

The counties had 58 child abuse homicides during the years studied.

They had 7 percent of the state's children but 15 percent of the child abuse homicides, she said.

The study's findings were shared with officers at the state's military bases over the past two years, but no one can fully explain the reasons behind them, Herman-Giddens said.

"They had somewhat assumed that because of all of their programs, and they do have a lot, that their rate would be lower," Herman-Giddens said. "I know it was a surprise to them."

Herman-Giddens recommends launching a national study of all military installations to determine whether higher child abuse homicide rates are a national problem for the military.

The U.S. military has had family advocacy programs since 1986 to help troops and their families cope with life in the ranks, Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Joe Richard said.

"We understand the stress that the normal military life puts on families," he said. "The institution is stressful by its very nature."

"We understand the stress that the normal military life puts on families. The institution is stressful by its very nature."

Lt. Col. Joe Richard

Pentagon spokesman

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AP photos

Above: A man rescued from the rubble of destroyed houses is rushed to hospital Saturday in Fallujah, Iraq. U.S. warplanes, tanks and artillery units bombed a suspected meeting of insurgents, killing at least eight people and wounding 15, hospital officials said. **Right:** Local residents try to rescue survivors from the rubble of a razed building after the U.S. strikes Saturday.

U.S. strikes at insurgents in Fallujah

Four Marines, one soldier killed in separate incidents around Iraq

BY KIM HOUSEGO

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. warplanes, tanks and artillery units struck the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah on Saturday, killing at least eight people and wounding 15 in a day that saw new violence across the country.

In Baghdad, gunmen opened fire on a vehicle carrying Iraqi National Guard applicants, killing six people, police said. The slayings were part of a militant campaign targeting Iraqi security forces and recruits in a bid to thwart U.S.-backed efforts to build an Iraqi force capable of taking over security from American troops.

Police Lt. Omar Ahmed said the group had just left a national guard recruiting center where they had signed up to join the force in the west Baghdad neighborhood of Al-Jamiah when the attack occurred.

The Iraqi National Guard also clashed with unidentified gunmen in Haswa, south of the capital, injuring four people, hospital officials said. The fighting lasted about half an hour, witnesses said.

Meanwhile, five mortar shells struck the Iraqi Oil Ministry in Baghdad, causing minor damage to the building and shattering windows, said ministry spokesman Assem Jihad. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The U.S. military said the Fallujah strikes targeted a meeting point in the center of the city, west of Baghdad, for fighters loyal to Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

"Intelligence sources reported that Zarqawi terrorists were using the site to plan additional attacks against Iraqi citizens and multinational forces," the mil-

tary said in a statement.

American forces also bombed rebel-built fortifications overnight, including concrete and earthen barriers and roadblocks, used to restrict movement in the city and mount attacks on Marine positions outside Fallujah, the military said in a separate statement Saturday.

Dr. Dhia al-Jumali of Fallujah General Hospital said at least eight people were killed and 15 wounded, including women and children.

Explosions lit up the night sky for hours and at least two buildings in the city center were wrecked, witnesses said. The Fallujah mosque switched on its loudspeakers and clerics chanted prayers to rally the city's residents.

American troops have not entered Fallujah since ending a three-week siege of the city in April that left hundreds dead.

The U.S. military announced the deaths of four Marines in three separate incidents Friday. A military statement said the Marines were conducting a security operation in Anbar province, which includes Fallujah, Ramadi, and other places that are the scene of clashes between U.S. and insurgent forces. No further details were disclosed.

A U.S. soldier was killed when a homemade bomb exploded Saturday, the military said in a statement. The blast occurred at 6:45

a.m. and also slightly damaged a vehicle. No further details were provided.

Underscoring just how dependent the Iraqi government still is on outside help, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi urged the international community to set aside its differences over the legality of the invasion to help Saddam Hussein and "stand fast by Iraq."

"We need to broaden the base of troop-contributing countries to [the multinational force] so that we would stand more determined and be better equipped to confront terrorists," he told the U.N. General Assembly in New York on Friday.

Saturday's strikes were the latest in a string of attacks against al-Zarqawi's network, which has claimed responsibility for numerous car bombings, kidnappings and other assaults meant to destabilize Iraq's U.S.-backed interim authorities and drive coalition forces from the country.

On Friday, the Muslim Council of Britain sent a pair of negotiators to meet with religious leaders in Baghdad to try to win the release of British hostage Kenneth Bigley. The group described Daud Abdullah and Musharraf Hussain as "well-respected figures in the British Muslim community."

A posting on an Islamic Inter-

net site Saturday claimed that al-Zarqawi's followers have killed Bigley, but the Foreign Office in London said the claim did not appear credible.

The site also claimed that seven British troops had been captured. But Capt. Donald Francis, a spokesman for the British military, said that all forces "are accounted for." He had no information on the claim to have executed the British hostage.

Al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad had threatened to kill Bigley unless Iraqi women are freed from prison.

The statement, which appeared on the site typed in red, consisted of a single line.

"Tawhid and Jihad announces that it has executed the British citizen and gives you the good news of kidnapping seven British soldiers," the statement said. "We will be releasing the tape shortly."

The little-known site tends to pick up claims from other sites and was among the many to carry video footage of the beheadings of two American civil engineers — Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley — who were taken hostage last week with Bigley. It also carried the tape of the 62-year-old Briton begging authorities to meet his kidnappers' demands and save his life, as well as two shaky claims that two Italian hostages were killed.

The British Foreign Office said it was aware of the claim that Bigley had been killed, but described it as a "discredited" site.

"We don't think it's anything to be taken too seriously," the Foreign Office statement said. "It's just a posting," a Foreign Office spokeswoman said on customary condition of anonymity. "We can't see there's anything credible in this at all."

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 1,042 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 792 died as a result of hostile action and 250 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 65 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 904 U.S. military members have died — 683 as a result of hostile action and 221 of nonhostile causes, according to the military.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

■ No deaths reported.

The latest identification reported by the Department of Defense:

■ Army Sgt. Skipper Soram, 23, Colonia, Micronesia; killed Wednesday by a car bomb in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Should OpFor soldiers be sent to war?

Some think they should stick to training, but opposing-force troops are happy to deploy

BY LISA BURGESS
Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — Whether it's in the California deserts of Fort Irwin or in the woods at the Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany, almost no one who goes through a rotation at one of the U.S. military's training centers ever wins against the opposing force, or "OpFor."

The "OpFor" are experts at the terrain — also known in Army-speak as "The Box," where they work every day. These soldiers dress, speak, and act like insurgents, probing units for weaknesses by setting up ambushes, mock-poisoning water supplies, or just stalking a particular group and capturing it in the middle of the night, when exhaustion sets in.

So when word came down that some OpFor units had been tapped for Operation Iraqi Freedom II, the military community instantly began a buzzing debate.

One hand, why wouldn't the Army send soldiers who

spend all their time thinking and acting like insurgents against the real thing?

On the other hand, units tapped for Iraq or Afghanistan often go through an OpFor rotation. So who would train these deploying soldiers if the OpFor troops weren't available?

Presidential Democratic candidate Sen. John Kerry is one of the critics of deploying the OpFor, saying the troops need their expertise.

"People have been sent over there without the training necessary, with too little training," Kerry told Stripes.

"We even have our top trainers who have been deployed to go over there rather than be where they can train people."

Among the OpFor units currently in Iraq:

■ Company A and Company B, 1st Battalion, 509th Airborne Infantry Regiment from the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La.

■ Company C, 4th Battalion,



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Above: Sgt. First Class Brian Hester, from Mount Sterling, N.Y., Company B, 1st Battalion, 509th Airborne Infantry Regiment's platoon sergeant, also known as "Ammo Can" by his men, tightens a strap on an armored Humvee before Wednesday night's standard 12-hour mission.

31st Infantry Regiment, from Fort Drum, N.Y.; 58th Combat Engineer Company from Fort Irwin

■ Another opposing forces unit

— Company A, 10th Mountain Division in Baghdad have only been doing combat operations in Iraq since mid-July, their commander says the soldiers are doing yeoman service.

Although the OpFor units attached to the 10th Mountain Division in Baghdad have only been doing combat operations in Iraq since mid-July, their commander says the soldiers are doing yeoman service.

"These guys are great," said Col. Mark Milley, the 10th Mountain's 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander in Iraq.

"They are extra well-trained, and well-disciplined," Milley said. "They are fighting a battle using tactics, techniques and procedures, and they are very, very good at just this type of fighting we are doing over here."

The desert deployment was welcomed by the OpFor soldiers, according to Sgt. First Class Brian Hester, from Mount Sterling, N.Y., platoon sergeant for Company B, 1st Battalion, 509th Airborne Infantry Regiment.

"We were extremely frustrated" not to be fighting a "real" enemy, said Hester.

"People were literally fighting over spots" in the two companies that were tapped for deployment," Hester said during a 12-hour Wednesday night patrol of his company's turf near Baghdad International Airport.

"Almost everyone volunteered to go," Hester said.

"For every man over here, I guarantee there are two or three at Fort Polk chomping at the bit to take their place."

One soldier who got a coveted

deployment spot was Pfc. Brett Erickson, 18.

"I begged to be here," Erickson, who is with 2nd platoon. "All my buddies were coming, and I wanted to be with them."

But Erickson, of Hilo, Hawaii, had only been with the unit for one month before he was called to Iraq. "And they wanted to take experienced people," he said.

Finally, Erickson's platoon sergeant changed his mind.

"I think I asked so much, he just got kind of annoyed," Erickson said.

Like Erickson, Pfc. Carey Seaborn, 22, from Mount Juliet, Tenn., is a newbie.

Seaborn, who is with the 58th Combat Engineer Company, has been in the Army for just 19 months. But Seaborn said he when he found out he would be deployed to Iraq at the end of April, it was welcome news.

"I felt it was time to do our part," he said.

Now that they are settling into Iraq, "Our platoon is one of the tightest groups of guys I have ever been around," said Staff Sgt. John Williams of Pfcayune, Miss., with the 2nd platoon.

"We know we have a job to do, but we keep it fun."

Yet although the OpFor units are close-knit, "they fit in well" with the other soldiers of the 10th Mountain, Milley said.

"I think they [are] a real value-add to the brigade," Milley said.

"We're very proud of them."

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3 more SEALs charged with prisoner abuse

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Three more sailors with Naval Special Warfare Command face charges for allegedly abusing prisoners in Iraq, bringing to seven the number of seaman facing disciplinary action in the incident.

Six of the seven sailors are members of the service's elite special forces. Four sailors were charged three weeks ago, said Cmdr. Jeff Bender, spokesman for the Naval Special Warfare Command in San Diego.

None of the sailors has been identified publicly.

The three sailors charged Friday are charged with more serious crimes than the previous four. Their charges include failure to report abuse to superior authorities, dereliction of duty, maltreatment of detainees, assault, aggravated assault with intent to cause death or serious bodily harm, conduct unbecoming, obstruction of justice and assault with a deadly weapon.

The previous four were charged with failure to report maltreatment of detainees to proper authorities, maltreatment of detainees, making false official statements to investigators, assault and aggravated assault, and solicitation to commit an offense.

None is jailed, Bender said.

The allegations against all seven surfaced when another SEAL, who no longer is part of the Navy's special forces command and who himself faces unrelated disciplinary action, told officials investigating his case that he witnessed the abuse of detainees between October 2003 and April 2004, Bender said.

Bender said he could not disclose the nature of the allegations against the one SEAL who provided information to investigators, but said it has nothing to do with prisoner abuse.

Nor can he disclose details about the abuse incident or where in Iraq the alleged abuse took place. However, it did not occur at the infamous Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad, which has been the source of much of the abuse scandal surrounding the Army and which led to a series of investigations by high-level defense, congressional and former defense officials.

No dates for any disciplinary hearings have set for any of the seven sailors, Bender said. The hearings are likely to take place in San Diego, where the SEALs are based, he said.

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Pfc. Lynndie England, center, gestures while walking with her mother, Terrie, left, as the two leave XVIII Airborne Corps Judge Advocate Building with attorney Rick Hernandez last month at Fort Bragg, N.C. England was appearing for an Article 32 hearing on charges stemming from Abu Ghraib prisoner abuses.

England to face court-martial

BY ESTES THOMPSON

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Army Pfc. Lynndie England, who has come to symbolize the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal, will face a court-martial, one of her lawyers said.

The Army will announce the court-martial on Monday and may schedule the military trial to begin in January, defense attorney Rhidian Orr said Friday.

An Army spokesman at Fort Bragg, where England has been assigned while her case is pending, confirmed that a decision regarding the case is scheduled to be released Monday. The decision rests with Lt. Gen. John Vines, commander of the 18th Airborne Corps at the post.

England, 21, is one of seven members of the 372nd Military Police Company of Cresaptown, Md., charged with the abuse that occurred last year at Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad. Photographs were transmitted around the world showing the re-

servist holding a naked prisoner by a leash, smiling and pointing at a hooded detainee's genitals and posing behind a pyramid of nude Iraqis.

Although the court-martial was not a surprise, "Lynndie's case is a heck of a lot stronger than it used to be," Orr said.

He did not say what charges his client will face, but hearing officer Col. Denise Arn has recommended that England be court-martialed on 17 counts of abuse and indecent acts.

Military prosecutors portray the abuse as the work of a renegade band of reservists.

Arn suggested England was largely led astray by some of the other reservists charged in the case, particularly Spc. Charles Graner Jr.

Attorneys say Graner is the father of the child England expects to deliver in October.

England's attorneys argued in the hearing that she posed for the pictures on orders from higher-ups to "soften up" Iraqi prisoners. Her lawyers sought unsuccessfully to call such high-level witnesses as Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

372nd MPs welcomed home



Capt. Donald J. Reese, unit commander of the 372nd Military Police Company, based in Cresaptown, Md., speaks to a crowd of about 400 friends and family Friday in Cumberland, Md., to welcome home the unit. In background is First Sgt. Brian Lipinski. Last October, the unit was transferred to Abu Ghraib prison, put in charge of minding some of the thousands of prisoners who filled the cells. In April, photos emerged showing members of the unit allegedly subjecting prisoners to humiliation and abuse.

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IN THE WORLD

Jeanne hits the Bahamas

BY TAMMI MITCHELL

The Associated Press

FREEMPORT, Bahamas — Hurricane Jeanne strengthened to a dangerous Category 3 hurricane as it battered the Bahamas with ferocious winds and torrential rains Saturday.

Jeanne's eye made a direct hit on the northwestern island of Abaco Saturday morning, and its sustained winds strengthened to 115 mph, making it the sixth major hurricane of the season. Forecasters said further strengthening was possible before Jeanne hits southeast Florida.

After tearing into Abaco, a low-lying island of 20,000 people famous for its stunning beaches, Jeanne's heavy winds and rains began to reach Grand Bahama, where more than 70,000 live, many of them in Freeport.

Jeanne was upon the Bahamas three weeks after the island chain took a beating from Frances, which killed two people and damaged thousands of homes. It topped rows of power lines, flat-

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tened homes and uprooted trees during a two-day lashing of Grand Bahama island.

Many homes still have roofs patched with plastic sheeting, and some homeless residents are still living with relatives or neighbors.

Jeanne hit the Bahamas following a devastating hit as a tropical storm last weekend on Haiti, where floods killed more than 1,500 and left more than 900 still missing. The southern Bahamian islands were under a storm warning when Jeanne brushed past into the Atlantic, then made a loop and headed back west.

The hurricane about 155 miles east of Florida's southeast coast Saturday morning. It was moving west at nearly 14 mph.

Hurricane-force winds extended 70 miles from the center and tropical storm-force winds to 205 miles. Gusty winds and crashing waves buffeted the Bahamian capital of Nassau.

Beforehand, officials urged people to evacuate low-lying homes, and shelters were set up in schools and churches on the northwestern islands of Abaco, Eleuthera and Grand Bahama.

On Friday people waited in long lines at gas stations in Freeport, crowded into stores to stock up on food and water, and rushed to secure plywood over their windows.

Forecasters at the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said Jeanne was likely to strengthen to a major hurricane later Saturday. The storm was forecast to stir up dangerous surf and rip currents, and dump up to 10 inches of rain.

A hurricane warning covered the northwest Bahamas and parts of Florida's east coast, and a tropical storm warning the central Bahamas islands and parts of the northeast Florida and Georgia coasts. Parts of Florida's west coast also were under hurricane and storm warnings.

Several cruise ships were diverted, and Grand Bahama's airport was closed Friday night.



Nassau resident Steven McQueen collects coconuts fallen off trees Saturday as winds from Hurricane Jeanne passed through the island of New Providence, Bahamas. Hurricane Jeanne lashed the country, making a direct hit on Abaco island and threatening the city of Freeport.

Report: Iran successfully tests a 'strategic missile'

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Saturday it successfully tested a "strategic missile" and delivered it to its armed forces, state-run radio reported.

The report did not say whether the missile was the previously announced new version of the Shahab-3 rocket, which already was capable of reaching Israel and U.S. forces stationed in the Middle East, or was a new missile.

Defense Minister Ali Shamkhani declined to give details about the missile for "security reasons," but said Iran was "ready to confront all regional and extra-regional threats," the report said.

Defense Ministry officials could not be reached for comment on the report.

The "strategic missile" was successfully test fired during military exercises by the Revolutionary Guards and delivered to the armed forces," Shamkhani was quoted as saying. The exercises were held Sept. 12-18.

The announcement came four days after Israel said it was buying about 5,000 U.S.-made smart bombs, including 500 one-ton bunker-busters that can penetrate 6-foot-thick concrete walls.

In 1981, Israel bombed Iraq's nuclear facility be-

fore the reactor could begin operating and the smart bombs are believed capable of destroying Iranian nuclear sites. Iran is suspected by the United States and others of developing nuclear arms and is under increasing international pressure to cease some atomic projects.

The maneuvers conducted by Iran's Revolutionary Guards this month near the border with Iraq were described by top military officials as being designed to reinforce the country's resolve to defend itself against "big powers."

During the maneuvers, state-run radio said a "long-range missile" would be test fired, but there had not been any official confirmation of the test. The military exercises came a few weeks after Iran said it had test fired a new version of the Shahab-3. Iran's Defense Ministry didn't give the missile's new range, but Israeli sources speaking in Jerusalem later said it was more than 1,200 miles, or about 400 miles longer than its previous range.

The development of the Shahab, whose name means "shooting star" in Persian, has raised fears in Israel about possible attack by the Iranian government, which strongly opposes the Jewish state's existence.

Earlier this month, Israel launched a spy satellite meant to monitor Iran but the Ofek-6 plunged into the Mediterranean Sea shortly after launch.

Sudan alleges coup plot

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Sudanese authorities accused an opposition party Saturday of plotting to kill more than three dozen senior government officials and blow up key sites in the capital, where heavily armed troops were out in force for a second day.

The state news agency said the planned attacks were part of a coup plot for which some members of the opposition Popular Congress Party were arrested earlier this month.

Two army officers and an unspecified number of privateers were among those arrested before the plot was launched. A series of abductions and attacks that were to have begun at 2 p.m. Friday, the Sudan Media Center said. It said the officers allegedly turned over arms to the plotters.

The development comes as Sudan is under international pressure to end violence in the western Darfur region between non-Arab farmers and Arab nomads allegedly backed by the Arab-dominated government in Khartoum.

Hamas leader feels targeted

CAIRO, Egypt — Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal, whose Palestinian militant group sends suicide bombers into Israel, knows that Israel has him targeted again.

And the leader of the Damascus-based political bureau of Hamas is taking no chances.

"We are in a state of alert and vigilance," he told The Associated Press this week during a visit to Cairo from his home base in the Syrian capital, Damascus.

British reporter investigated for breaching royal security

BY ROBERT BARR

The Associated Press

LONDON — A reporter for a British newspaper breached security at a royal residence in Scotland, police said.

Les Snowden, Scotland editor for The Sunday Times, said Friday that the unidentified reporter spent 20 minutes inside the Palace of Holyroodhouse and left after being challenged by a construction worker.

Police expressed annoyance with what they called a journalistic stunt. A police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the reporter broke away from a security guard who was escorting him, and police then spent hours searching the palace.

Snowden said the newspaper decided to test security following a string of breaches at other royal and government facilities.

"A reporter wearing a hard hat was able to gain entry to a restricted area unchallenged, including the state rooms adjacent to the queen's bedroom," Snowden said. "He was under instruction to remain in that area until questioned, which happened after 20 minutes. A construction worker asked him to report to reception, and he then left the palace."

Snowden said the newspaper notified police and agreed to cooperate with their investigation.

The incident came a week after five fox-hunting supporters ran into the Parliament chamber to protest moves to ban the sport.

Two days earlier, a man in a Batman costume scaled the front wall of London's Buckingham Palace in a protest about the rights of divorced and separated fathers to see their children.

Since Hamas suicide bombings killed 16 Israelis in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba on Aug. 31, Israeli officials began focusing their warnings on Syria and the Hamas leaders like Mashaal who are based in Damascus. Hamas officials say all attacks are planned and carried out by operatives in the Palestinian territories.

In recent years, Israel has killed top Hamas leaders in the West Bank and Gaza. Just how effective these assassinations have been is not clear. New leaders readily moved to fill the vacuum, but the secrecy and security-dictated restrictions on movements under which they are forced to operate to stay alive is bound to have an effect.

Yoni Fighel, of the Israeli Institute for Counter-Terrorism, said the Israeli campaign against Hamas is making a difference.

From The Associated Press

Teen's \$30,000 secret

ZAGREB, Croatia — A 13-year-old girl who paid off three older teens so they wouldn't tell her parents she smoked soon found herself in even worse trouble: The teens threatened to kill her father if she didn't fork over more money, police said.

The three suspects, ages 15, 16 and 17, were detained Thursday, after the girl had told her parents she had paid them \$30,000 in bribes since March, Zagreb police spokeswoman Gordana Vutuma said.

The girl had taken the money from her parents, who had saved it to pay for a new home. Like many Croatians who don't trust banks, they had kept the cash at home.

E-mail after death

MADRID, Spain — E-mail from beyond the grave? Not exactly.

But a Spanish Internet company is breaking fresh ground on the Web by offering people the chance to write one last e-mail, complete with video clip or photo attachments, and send it to loved ones, friends or even enemies after the person who wrote it is dead.

"Most people leave notes behind in drawers or boxes knowing or hoping they will be found after they die. This is the same,

but via Internet," said Alberto Iriarte, 33, director of Global Spectrum, the Pamplona-based company which runs the service.

He said that the site, with English, Spanish and Portuguese versions, has been running since January but only really began to take off in July.

Rare Rembrandt

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Flanked by gun-toting guards and security cameras, one of the few Rembrandt paintings not in a museum or private collection went on public display Saturday and on sale with an asking price of \$46 million.

The 1635 painting, "Minerva In Her Study," is one of the most significant to be offered in Sweden.

Art dealer Verner Aamell told The Associated Press he'll keep the painting by the Dutch master on display in a private gallery in the capital and let the public view it for four weeks.

The opening comes a month after armed thieves broke into a museum in Oslo, Norway, and made off with Edvard Munch's masterpieces "The Scream" and "Madonna."

The brazen daylight theft stirred a debate across Europe on how to protect art if thieves are prepared to use deadly force to take it.

From The Associated Press

Scorpion Queen survives 17 stings to set record

BY PAULINE JASUDASOAN

The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — After surviving 17 scorpion stings, a Malaysian claimed a new world record on Saturday for living 36 days in a glass room with 6,069 of the deadly creatures — and said she couldn't wait to go shopping with her mother.

Nur Malena Hassan, 27, emerged from the 10 feet by 12 feet display box in a mall in the eastern city of Kuantan to the beat of traditional drums and cheers of support from a 3,000-strong crowd.

"I feel so satisfied!" she told The Associated Press by telephone. "I got what I wanted after enduring pain from 17 stings and spending 36 days in there."

Nur Malena said she couldn't wait to get back to her regular activities — like shopping.

"My mum is here and we're at a mall, so I'm starting right away," she said.

Dubbed the "Scorpion Queen," Nur Malena beat the record set by her rival, Kanchana Ketkeaw of Thailand, who last year survived nine stings in a 32-day stay with 3,000 scorpions.

Sujatha Nair, a spokeswoman for the Malaysia Book of Records, said a video and other documentation will be sent to the Guinness Book of World Records office in London for verification.

During her ordeal, Nur Malena moved slowly to avoid upsetting her roommates, even as scorpions clambered over her body. She left the box only for a 15-minute bathroom break every day, except for her birthday last week, when she emerged for two minutes to cut the cake.

Nur Malena has built up resistance to stings after five years of training, but can pass out if stung three times within a short span. A doctor had remained on standby to treat her if necessary.

Thousands of Malaysians visited the mall to observe the record attempt. Nur Malena lived her life on display, sleeping, eating, performing Muslim prayers, reading magazines and watching television to keep occupied.

Malaysians have displayed a growing penchant in recent years for offbeat records — such as the highest backward climb up a staircase and the largest number of old people at a circus.



Nur Malena Hassan, 27, known as Scorpion Queen, has broken a world record by enduring 36 days enclosed in a glass display box. Nur Malena suffered 17 stings while living with 6,069 scorpions in a glass room built inside a mall in the city of Kuantan, Malaysia.

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In May, Palestinian men carry two badly wounded children moments after an Israeli missile strike on a Rafah refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. As the Palestinian intifadeh enters its fifth year, Israelis and Palestinians are no closer to ending the conflict. It has killed more than 3,100 on the Palestinian side and nearly 1,000 on the Israeli side.

In Middle East, no relief

Palestinian uprising enters fifth year, exhausts both sides

By STEVEN GUTKIN
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — As the Palestinian intifadeh enters its fifth year of suicide bombings and impoverishment under an unyielding occupation, Israel has clearly gained the upper hand. It has plunged the Palestinian leadership into disarray, with Yasser Arafat under permanent Israeli siege as well as an unprecedented attack from within his own ranks.

But the Palestinians have scored gains too: The bloody conflict has rallied Arab public opinion as never before, and resonates among Islamic fighters the world over.

Now 2005 is shaping up as a year of historic change for Israel's 6.75 million citizens and the 3.6 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. By then, Israel's West Bank separation barrier should be nearing completion, along with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from Gaza and parts of the West Bank.

It amounts to no less than a redrawing of the political and geographical boundaries of the Mideast conflict.

Israelis and Palestinians are as far as ever from ending the struggle that has killed more than 3,100

on the Palestinian side and nearly 1,000 on the Israeli side since September 2000, when violence engulfed the Oslo peace accords of the 1990s.

Today, the battles are as much internal as Arab-Israeli — between Arafat and critics of his corruption-tainted 10-year rule, and between Sharon and the hard-liners in his Likud Party who bitterly oppose his plan for "hitnatkut" (disengagement) from the Palestinians.

The big unanswered question is whether 76-year-old Sharon's plan is the start of a true partition of historic Palestine between Arab and Jew, or a ploy to get rid of the bits he doesn't need, while consolidating Israel's control of the parts he cherishes.

Most likely it is both.

On the Israeli side, many take the barrier of walls and fences as a tacit admission that the dream of fusing Israel and the West Bank into one seamless Jewish Promised Land cannot be achieved.

Israel says it's on the front line of the international war on terror. Israel's critics say its actions have doomed President Bush's Mideast peacemaking ambitions. Each side is blamed by the other — Israel for building settlements on occupied lands, the Palestinians for sending suicide bombers into Israeli cities.

Albanian arrested with 64 pounds of heroin

ATHENS, Greece — Police arrested an Albanian man and seized 64 pounds of heroin smuggled into Greece from neighboring Albania, authorities said Saturday.

Police said the alleged drug trafficker — identified as Bashkimi Katali, 22, from Fieri, Albania — was arrested early Friday at an apartment in the Athens' Kerameikos district.

During the raid, officers seized a suitcase containing the heroin, which was in small packages.

Authorities said Katali is suspected of being part of a large trafficking network that was used to smuggle some 66 pounds of heroin from Albania to Greece every two weeks.

"Based on the evidence gathered so far we can say that specific group is one of the largest ones that smuggled and trafficked heroin in Greece from Albania," police said in a statement.

Police are also seeking two more Albanians who are believed to be part of the trafficking network.

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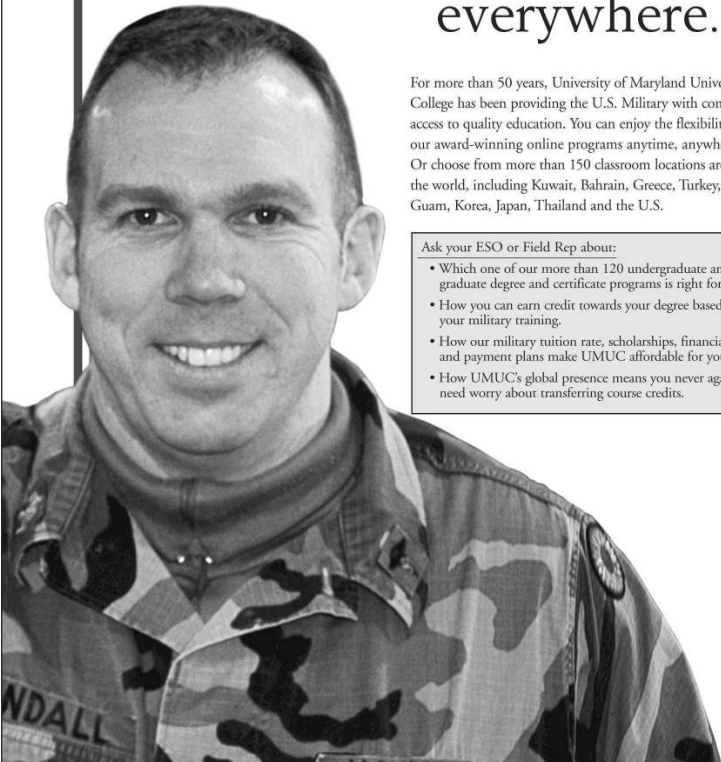
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IN THE STATES

Fla. orders evacuation of 3 million residents

Jeanne would be 4th hurricane to hit state this season

BY JILL BARTON
The Associated Press

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Hurricane Jeanne got stronger, bigger and faster Saturday, forcing anxious Floridians to hurriedly shutter their homes and buy last-minute supplies as the storm bore down on the state's Atlantic coast with winds near 115 mph. Three million people were told to evacuate.

If it hits Florida late Saturday or Sunday as predicted, it would be the fourth hurricane to slam the state this season, a scenario unmatched in more than a century. Jeanne strengthened into a Category 3 storm Saturday, and Jack Beven, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, warned that a Category 4 storm with winds of at least 131 mph "is not out of the question."

Already blamed for more than 1,500 deaths in Haiti, Jeanne was poised to slam some of the same areas hit by the earlier storms, potentially transforming still-uncleared piles of debris into deadly missiles. The storm's outer edges already were dropping rain and kicking up winds along Florida's east coast Saturday afternoon.

From Melbourne south to West Palm Beach, law enforcement officers announced over the radio that anyone outside their homes after a 6 p.m. curfew would end up in jail.

Across Palm Beach County, resi-

dents frantically gathered last-minute supplies Saturday after awaking to a forecast that had Jeanne making a direct hit in less than 18 hours.

"I can imagine a lot of people here this morning started freakin' out," said Lynn Tarrington of Lake Worth, who was leaving her home near the water. "Yesterday I was hoping we wouldn't lose power again and now I'm hoping I have a house left when I come back."

Airlines began canceling flights at airports in Miami and Fort Lauderdale, which were planning to close, stranding some passengers. Authorities urged storm-weary residents to speed up plans to secure their property and evacuate if necessary.

Jean McArthur, of West Palm Beach, was buying supplies at a Wal-Mart. She had bags full of water, batteries, flashlights and snacks for her three kids.

"We've all been thinking, 'This really can't come at us again.' Now that it's just a few hours away, everyone is being forced to take it seriously. I've stopped laughing about it at this point," said McArthur, 39.

No state has been struck by four hurricanes in one season since Texas in 1886. Jeanne could turn into the latest in a devastating chain of hurricanes that have rattled southwest and central Florida (Charley), the state's midsection (Frances) and Florida's Panhan-

dle (Ivan). Combined, the storms have caused billions of dollars of damage and at least 70 deaths in Florida.

Gov. Jeb Bush warned that Jeanne could be stronger than Frances, which caused more \$4.1 billion in insured damages in Florida and killed at least 24. He referenced the destruction of Ivan, which devastated barrier islands in the Panhandle and killed at least 23.

"I can't imagine someone not taking this seriously after the last six weeks," Bush said Saturday.

About 3 million people were under mandatory or voluntary evacuation orders, state emergency operations spokesman Mike Stone said.

Charley hit Aug. 13 as a Category 4 on the Safford-Simpson scale with winds of 145 mph. Frances hit on Labor Day weekend as a Category 2 with winds of 105 mph, and Ivan hit last week as a strong Category 3 with winds of 130 mph.

Crews with heavy machinery worked Friday to clear the mess of flattened homes, torn roofs and snapped trees left by Frances. But many acknowledged it was a losing battle.

"They're trying their best but there's a tremendous amount of debris out there. Realistically, it doesn't really seem like it would be possible to get it all gathered here this storm hits," said Theresa Woodson, a spokeswoman for Indian River County.

After causing deadly flooding in

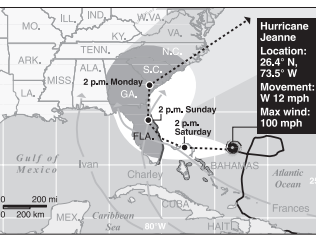
Hurricane Jeanne churning westward

More than half a million residents of Florida's east coast were urged to evacuate — again — as Hurricane Jeanne churned westward Friday threatening to become the fourth hurricane to pound the state in the last six weeks.

Probability that center of Hurricane Jeanne will pass within 75 miles, during the 72 hours starting at 8 a.m. EDT Friday

As of 5 p.m. EDT, Friday

— Hurricane warning — Hurricane watch
— Potential day 1 to 3 track area — Potential day 4 to 5 track area
— Hurricane Jeanne — Recent hurricanes



Haiti, Jeanne looked early in the week like it had turned north and was headed safely out to sea, but it made a jagged loop that brought it toward the Bahamas and Florida.

At 2 p.m. EDT, Jeanne was centered about 145 miles east-southeast of Vero Beach and was moving west at 14 mph.

Sustained winds were 115 mph, up from 105 earlier Saturday. A hurricane becomes a Category 3 storm when it reaches sustained winds of 111 mph.

After its expected northward turn over the Florida peninsula, Jeanne was expected to stay inland over Georgia and the Carolinas through Tuesday.

Hurricane warnings were posted from south of Miami to St. Augustine in northeast Florida, and a hurricane watch was up from St. Augustine northward to Alachua Sound, Ga. A hurricane watch also was issued for Florida's Gulf Coast from Englewood to southwest Florida to the Suwanee River north of the Tampa Bay area.

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Bush, Kerry plan to spend, spend, spend

Experts predict both economic proposals would lead to sky-high deficit

BY ALAN FRAM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush and Democratic Sen. John Kerry have starkly different economic priorities with a common thread: price tags exceeding \$1 trillion that could pump already huge deficits skyward over the next decade.

Headlining Bush's budget goals for a second term is making permanent the tax cuts he has pushed through Congress, at a 10-year cost the administration says at nearly \$1 trillion. Leading Kerry's agenda are his 10-year, \$653 billion health-care plan and

a \$207 billion education package.

Both candidates supported the five- and six-year extensions of \$133 billion in middle-income tax cuts that Congress passed Thursday. Kerry wouldn't have included the \$13 billion in renewed business tax breaks that Congress attached to it but would have added bigger government child-support checks to working low-income families who do not pay income taxes.

Though he has offered no details, Bush also would let workers divert part of their Social Security taxes to new personal savings accounts — which some analysts estimate could cost \$2 trillion

over the period.

Kerry would raise the money for his priorities by repealing tax cuts on upper-income people, increasing government efficiency and prodding companies to improve workers' health coverage. Some analysts say he has underpriced his health plan and proposed some savings that are wishful thinking.

"They are presenting very, very different agendas. But they arrive at roughly the same place relative to the deficit," said Robert Bixby, executive director of the Concord Coalition, a bipartisan group that advocates balanced budgets.

Bixby estimates both men's initiatives would increase the government's red ink by at least \$1.2 trillion through 2014.

Bush and Kerry each assert they would cut the annual deficit in half within five years.

Kerry favors budget restrictions that go further than Bush, like requiring savings to pay for tax cuts, and has said he would trim his priorities if deficits worsen. That won praise from the investment bank Goldman, Sachs & Co., which wrote in a newsletter this month, "On the budget, Senator Kerry is more credible" than Bush.

Even so, each candidate's deficit-reduction plan has been overshadowed by promises to cut taxes or boost spending.

"Voters like tax cuts, spending increases and deficit reduction. All three are incompatible, but vague promises make it look achievable," said Brian Riedl, budget analyst with the conservative Heritage Foundation. "Neither party has offered a detailed or realistic plan."

Kerry finds money for his proposals by starting with the assumption that the Bush tax cuts for all taxpayers will remain in effect permanently. They are scheduled to expire by 2010, though many lawmakers and analysts believe they will be re-

newed.

Kerry's assumption lets him claim \$860 billion in 10-year savings by repealing the tax cuts for families earning more than \$200,000 annually. It also lets him claim no cost for another of his top initiatives: extending the tax reductions for those making less than \$200,000.

Kerry's health care package is the keystone of his economic plan, an amalgam of tax breaks and spending aimed at cutting insurance premiums and covering more of the uninsured. Joseph Antos, a health policy expert at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, estimates its true 10-year cost at \$1.5 trillion, which the Kerry campaign denies.

Bush would steer the budget on a different course. At his party's national convention this month, he proposed doubling job-training funds and expanding health care tax breaks, a package his campaign prices at \$74 billion over 10 years. He also touted his desire to let workers use some of their Social Security taxes to create personal savings accounts, without offering specifics.

Peter Orszag, an economist at the liberal Brookings Institution, said he believes such a plan could cost about \$2 trillion over 10 years, including adjustments for inflation.



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Candidates' economic plans by the numbers

The Associated Press

Highlights of the economic plans of President Bush and Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

All figures are totals for the 10 years ending in 2014 unless otherwise indicated.

■ **Kerry initiatives:** Health care, \$653 billion; education, \$207 billion; 5 percent corporate tax cut, \$120 billion; veterans and military families, \$55 billion; temporary jobs stimulus, \$47 billion; energy and environment, \$35 billion.

■ **Kerry savings:** Repeal Bush tax cuts on people earning more than \$200,000 annually, \$860 billion; create a commission to recommend ways to reduce federal payments to corporations and enact those proposals, \$300 billion; better disease management by companies and other

health savings, \$300 billion; close loopholes on taxes owed by companies overseas, \$120 billion; cut 100,000 federal contractors, \$50 billion; cut federal electric bill by 20 percent, \$14 billion.

■ **Bush initiatives:** Tax cuts and spending increases for health care, economic development, education and jobs, \$74 billion; extension of tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003, which otherwise expire by 2010, \$739 billion; other tax cuts for education, charitable giving, other items: \$199 billion.

■ **Other Bush initiatives:** Defense and domestic security, \$185 billion.

■ **Bush savings:** All other domestic programs, excluding automatic benefits like Social Security, \$115 billion; Medicaid and other benefit programs, \$33 billion.

D.C. sniper suspect Malvo to plead guilty

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT

The Associated Press

McLEAN, Va. — Teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo will admit guilt to a second of 10 killings in October 2002, and drop all appeals of his first conviction, his lawyer said.

A plea hearing is scheduled for Oct. 26 in Spotsylvania County Circuit Court, where Malvo is charged with capital murder in the Oct. 11, 2002, killing of Kenneth Berney.

Malvo will plead guilty and ac-

cept a sentence of life in prison, defense attorney Michael Arif said Friday. The plea bargain would eliminate the possibility of a death sentence in that case.

The teen will also drop all appeals of his conviction last year for the murder of FBI analyst Linda Franklin. The jury in that case sentenced him to life in prison, sparing him the death penalty.

Malvo, now 19 but 17 at the time of the killings, is ready to accept a lifetime in prison, his lawyer said.

"He gave us instructions to get this done as quickly as possible,"

Arif said. "He knows he's not going anywhere."

For a brief period, Arif said, Malvo held on to a "fantasy" hope that if he could talk to his partner in the sniper spree, John Allen Muhammad, he could persuade Muhammad to tell the truth about the killings and minimize Malvo's respon-



Malvo

sibility so Malvo could seek a reduced sentence.

But Arif said Malvo now realizes that will not happen.

Malvo, who initially told police he was the triggerman in nearly all of the killings, recanted and claimed Muhammad was the triggerman in all but one.

His lawyers said Malvo had been brainwashed by Muhammad and Muhammad was the driving force behind the sniper spree.

But Malvo still runs the risk of the death penalty in other cases.

Prince William County prosecutor Paul Ebert, who obtained a death sentence for Muhammad, has said he will pursue the death penalty against Malvo if the Supreme Court rules this fall that the execution of those who commit murder at age 16 or 17 is constitutional.

Malvo also could face a death penalty in Alabama and Louisiana, where he faces murder charges for killings that took place in the months preceding the October 2002 sniper spree in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area that left 10 people dead.

Survivor: Plane was in flames before stopping

BY SARAH R. CRAIG

The Associated Press

KALISPELL, Mont. — The single-engine plane that crashed into a Montana mountain, killing three people, was in flames before it came to rest, one of the two survivors told authorities.

"Even before they stopped, there was fire in the aircraft," Flathead County Sheriff Jim Dupont said Jodee Hogg told him. "She recalls tremendous pressure, heat and then a flash."

Authorities initially said Monday's crash killed all five aboard. But Hogg, 23, and Matthew Ramige, 29, emerged from the wilderness on a highway Wednesday, a day after authorities had announced their deaths.

Ramige is in serious condition at a Seattle hospital for a broken spine and severe burns. Hogg was being treated for burns and bruises at a Kalispell hospital, but her condition wasn't released.

Hogg had been sitting by the door of the plane and got out after the crash, Dupont said.

"She turns around, reaches for

Matt and his foot was caught. She was pulling on him and got him out," Dupont recounted. "The fire was roaring at this point."

Hogg also told Dupont that another passenger, Davita Bryant, had "blood in her hair and on her face and she wasn't moving."

The crash occurred near the southern edge of Glacier National Park.

The workers intended to conduct an annual vegetation inventory and repair telecommunication facilities, but crashed in stormy weather about 15 minutes into the flight.

Jim Long, 60, was piloting the plane. Also on board were Ken Good, 58, an employee of the Flathead National Forest and Bryant, 32, another Forest Service employee.

The wreckage shows no signs of engine or other mechanical failure, said Georgia Strubshaker, a National Transportation Safety Board investigator. She said a preliminary report on the crash should be out by the middle of next week, but that it may be nine months before the NTSB announces a probable cause.



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'Terrible-headed' lizard from the Orient' found

Fossil discovery reveals deadly underwater dinosaur

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A newly discovered fossil may be the remains of one of the first stealth hunters, a swimming dinosaur that could use its long neck to sneak up on prey and strike without warning.

Once a resident of a shallow sea in what is now southeast China, the newly found reptile with fangs would have hunted in murky waters, its small head extending far from the bulky body that fish would have recognized as a predator.

"The long neck would allow it to approach prey without the whole body becoming visible," said Oliver Rieppel of the Field Museum in Chicago, a co-author of the report.

The new fossil was discovered by Chun Li of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2002. The creature is described by Li and colleagues in this week's issue of the Journal of Science.

Li named the new dinosaur, which lived about 230 million years ago, *Dinocephalosaurus orientalis*, meaning terrible-headed lizard from the Orient.

With a body about 3 feet long and a neck adding 5½ feet, the newly named creature is related to *Tanystropheus*, another long-necked reptile that lived in the area of Europe and the Middle East.

But the researchers said the new dinosaur had 25 neck vertebrae, more than twice that of *Tanystropheus*, and in *Dinocephalosaurus* they were not as elongated. It had riblike bones parallel to the vertebrae.

They are both members of a diverse reptile group called the protorosaurs, which have long necks and elongated neck vertebrae.

For years, scientists have wondered at the purpose for the long necks in this group of animals.

"This is important research because we have finally explained the functional purpose of this strange, long neck," said Rieppel, head of geology and curator of fossil amphibians and reptiles at the Field Museum.

As *Dinocephalosaurus* approached in murky water, its prey would have been aware only of the relatively small head, not the full-size profile of a predator.



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An artist's rendering shows *Dinocephalosaurus orientalis*, a long-necked sea reptile that probably preyed on fish and squid in a shallow sea in present-day southeast China more than 230 million years ago. The creature's relatively stiff neck, approximately 5½ feet, was almost twice as long as its body.

Study finds dogs have ability to smell cancer

BY EMMA ROSS

The Associated Press

LONDON — We have always suspected that man's best friend has a special ability to sense when something is wrong with us, but the first experiment to verify that scientifically has demonstrated that dogs are able to smell cancer.

Experts say it is unlikely that pooches will become practical partners in cancer detection any time soon, but that the results of the study by English scientists are promising.

They showed that when urine from bladder cancer patients was set out among samples from healthy people or those with other diseases, the dogs — ordinary pets — were able to identify the cancer urine almost three times more often than would be expected by chance alone.

"The issue is not whether or not they can detect cancer, because clearly they can. The issue is whether you can set up a system whereby they can communicate with you. That requires further ingenuity," said Tim Cole, a professor of medical statistics at Imperial College in London, who was not connected with the research but is the owner of a chocolate Labrador retriever.

David Neal, a bladder and prostate cancer surgeon at Cambridge University in England, said it is plausible that dogs might be able to pick up the scent of cancer because people with the disease shed unique abnormal proteins in their urine.

It is thought that a dog's sense of smell is generally 10,000 to 100,000 times better than a human's.

The idea that they may be able to smell cancer was first put forward in 1989 by two London dermatologists, who described the case of a woman asking for a mole to be cut out of her leg because her dog would constantly sniff at it, even through her trousers, but ignore all her other moles.

Dogs detect scent of cancer

A study shows dogs can be trained to distinguish patients with bladder cancer by smelling certain compounds released in the patient's urine.

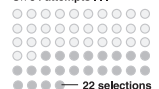
Sniffing out traces of cancer

Training Dogs were trained to discriminate between urine from patients with bladder cancer and urine from diseased and healthy people.

Testing Dogs were assessed for ability to select one urine sample from bladder cancer patient placed among six control samples.

Results Number of times dogs selected the bladder cancer urine:

On 54 attempts . . .



Success rate 41%
Expected by chance 14%

Source: British Medical Journal AP

It turned out she had malignant melanoma — a deadly form of skin cancer. But it was caught early enough to save her life.

Then in 2001, another pair of English doctors reported a similar case of a man with a patch of eczema on his leg for 18 years, until one day his pet Labrador started to persistently sniff the patch, again through his trousers. It turned out the man had developed skin cancer and, once the tumor was cut out, the dog showed no further interest in the eczema patch.



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'Money plays a big part in making you happy'

BY WILL LESTER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Money may not buy happiness, but for many people it apparently puts a down payment on satisfaction.

People who make more than \$75,000 a year are far more likely than those who make \$25,000 or less to say they are "very satisfied" with their lives — 56 percent of the higher-income group compared with 24 percent of the lower-income group, according to Associated Press polling.

Money alone doesn't equal satisfaction, however. People who are married and have college degrees were more likely to be "very satisfied" than others who had equal incomes, the polling found.

"Money is not everything, but it allows you to do things many people can't always do," said Bob Russell, a 53-year-old businessman from Hockessin, Del. "We've been very fortunate as far as accumulating money."

He and his wife, who recently retired from her job at a bank, can pick the preferred schools for their children, hire professionals to provide services and get out of town whenever they want.

Despite uncertainty about the economy and fears of terrorism,

Poll: Many say cash can increase satisfaction in life

about eight in 10 people said they are at least somewhat satisfied with their lives and four in 10 said they are very satisfied, according to polling done for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

Whites were more likely than non-whites to say they are very satisfied, while Republicans were more inclined than Democrats to feel that way.

Public opinion specialist Robert Blendon, a professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, said people with moderate incomes have seen their satisfaction decrease in recent years because of the stress of worrying about paying for things like health care and retirement.

Carly Sheffer, a 24-year-old store manager from Albuquerque, N.M., just started her freshman year in college after a five-year break. She said a college degree gives her a better opportunity to earn more money.

"Money plays a big part in making you happy," said the mother of two young children.

For 56-year-old Slav Pakac of Grove City, Ohio, carefully managing money is a big factor in her satisfaction.

"We save our money. We don't have credit card bills," she said.

But some people say they're satisfied just to have enough to live on.

"Some people seem to think the world owes them something," said Jean Kelley, a 63-year-old retiree from Ozark, Ala. "We never felt that way."

One of her five grown children has Down syndrome and still lives with Kelley and her husband of 47 years, a retired mili-

tary pilot.

But she doesn't view that as a hardship.

"We feel like we're truly blessed," she said. "With my other children, when I thought about them leaving home, I'd almost throw up. The good Lord sent me one that will stay with me."

For retiree Clifford Sturtevant of Savannah, Ga., his lifelong job with a company like Coca-Cola offered financial security but his

family is the main factor he cites for being very satisfied.

He and his wife of 62 years raised two children "who never gave us a minute's worth of trouble." They thoroughly enjoy a relatively low key life in retirement.

"We both still get along good," said Sturtevant. "We cut out quite often. That ain't much, but it means a lot to us."

The AP-Ipsos poll of 1,001 adults was taken Aug. 16-18 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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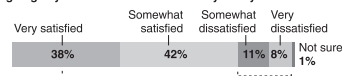
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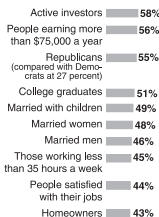
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An Associated Press poll found that circumstances such as income, education and marital status affect whether or not Americans feel satisfied with their lives.

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Groups most likely to be "very satisfied" with their lives



Groups most likely to say they are somewhat/very dissatisfied with their lives



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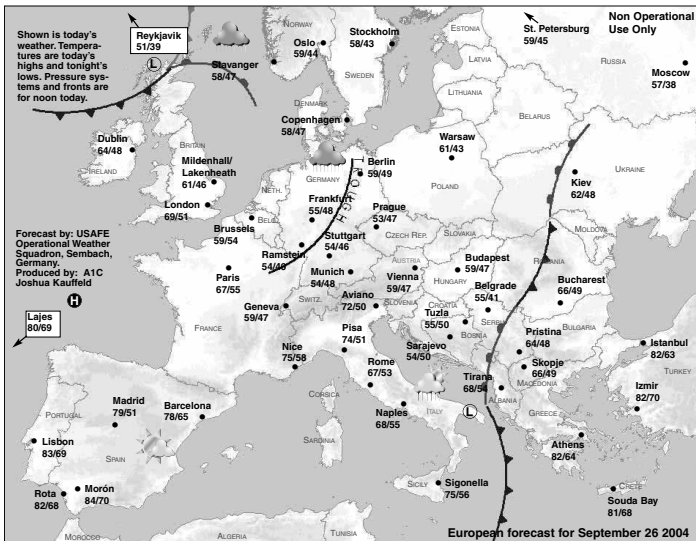
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TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

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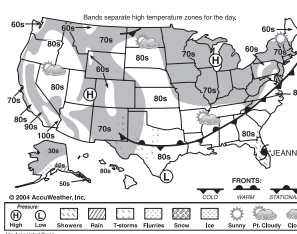
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- Rain
- Tornadoes
- Flurries
- Snow
- Ice
- Sunny
- Partly Cloudy (Pc)
- Cloudy (C)

Fronts: COLD, WARM, DRY

THE UNITED STATES TODAY

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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Partly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the upper 50s, Monday lows in the mid to lower 50s

Britain, Ireland: Cloudy with rain late and gusty winds. Highs in the lower to upper 60s, Monday lows in the mid to upper 40s to lower 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the mid 50s, Monday lows in the lower 50s.

France: Mostly cloudy with rain.
Highs in the upper 60s to mid 70s,
Monday lows in the mid to upper

Northern Germany: Cloudy with rain.
Highs in the mid to upper 50s,

Southern Germany: Cloudy with rain. Highs in the mid 50s, Monday

Hungary: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s, Monday lows in the upper

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers late. Highs in the 60s and 70s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy with

60s, Monday lows in the low to mid 50s.

Keeper: Cloudy with rain showers on

isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 50s to mid 60s, Monday lows in the low to upper 40s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s, Monday lows in the mid to upper 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s to mid 80s, Monday lows in the low 50s to low 70's.

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SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (Baghdad)	6:54AM	6:55AM
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	7:18AM	7:20AM
Sunset (Baghdad)	6:54PM	6:53PM
Sunset (Frankfurt)	7:15PM	7:12PM
		
Full moon	Last qtr.	New moon
		
		First qtr.

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OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Too quiet after Columbine The Denver Post

From the beginning, the Columbine murders have posed many unanswered questions. A new state grand jury report on the mysterious disappearance of files about teen killer Eric Harris provides a bit of new information, but mysteries remain.

The grand jury's report, released Sept. 16, couldn't answer how the documents disappeared and who was responsible.

But the report reinforces suspicions that after the April 20, 1999, Columbine High School killings, Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone's office tried to hush up an earlier investigation of Harris to avoid any criticism or liability if there were indications that it missed a chance to avert the tragedy, in which 12 students and a teacher died.

The grand jury said some things about the missing documents were "troubling," but there wasn't sufficient evidence to indict anyone for a crime.

So, the grand jury probe of the Guerra affidavit could offer no concrete proof about who's responsible for the disappearance of the records.

And another Columbine question goes unanswered, leaving the families of victims and the public with only a morsel of new information and the same old gnawing suspicions.

Annan's words went too far Chicago Tribune

Diplomats are renowned for carefully choosing their words so as not to leave the wrong impression or unnecessarily ruffle feathers.

That's particularly true at the United Nations, where diplomats from all over the world practice the gossamer art of persuasion and manipulation through the muffled language of diplomacy.

But U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan abandoned the pretense of diplomacy [earlier this month] by firing off a very undiplomatic word to describe the Bush administration's decision to free Iraq, "illegal." Goaded by a [British Broadcasting Corp.] interviewer, Annan said of the war: "From my point of view, from the U.N. charter point of view, it was illegal."

Undoubtedly, legal scholars could get lathered up about what the U.N. charter said and how exactly to define the term "illegal." But that's not really the point here. Legal is a loaded word. It implies criminality.

The United States not acted in Iraq, the U.N.'s threat of "serious consequences" if Saddam Hussein didn't disarm all weapons have amounted to what almost all U.N. threats amount to — nothing.

10 days late and a dollar short Delaware County (Pa.) Daily Times

So [on Sept. 20], 12 days after CBS News broadcast a report that claimed the president of the United States had shirked his duty in the Texas Air National Guard 35 years ago and offered up the documents that supposedly proved it, the network admitted it could no longer vouch for their authenticity.

CBS anchor Dan Rather, after spending almost two weeks defending the report that aired on "60 Minutes" has now issued a statement that he "no longer has confidence in these documents" and that much of what was shown on "60 Minutes" would not have gone ahead with the story as it was aired.

Yes, well, Dan Rather is about 10 days late in coming up to what is the latest in a series of black eyes for the journalism profession. ...



Considering that the authenticity of the document was challenged within hours of the original broadcast and with good reason, the responsible thing for CBS to do was to announce that it was reviewing the story and the authenticity of the paper.

Why the newscasters at CBS responsible for this story acted in such a rash and self-destructive way is best left to their investigation. But they have certainly given plenty of ammunition to conservative critics who claim that they let their "liberal bias" and desire to air a story injurious to a Republican president during an election year cloud their judgment.

When lock owners unloaded San Francisco Chronicle

Kryptonite may be able to feel the man of steel, but apparently it's no mightier than a pen when it comes to protecting bicycles. ...

A San Francisco bicyclist touched off an national furor recently when he announced that a few versions of the famed U-shaped Kryptonite locks could be picked by using a simple pen. He came upon his discovery after his very expensive bike was stolen and a friend mentioned that the tubular cylinder in some of the bike locks could be opened with the flick (and a few turns) of a cheap Bic.

His Internet warranty was been visited by more than 300,000 concerned cyclists from here to Metropolis, who are spinning over the news. The Massachusetts bike-lock-maker has been in full damage control mode (more than a) week; it [recently] announced free upgrades and rebates to customers (depending on when they purchased the affected devices) and a recall of seven versions of the lock. It's probably only a matter of time before lawyers start passing around their business cards at local bike shops.

Kryptonite goes by the slogan "tough world, tough lock." At least it's right about the first point. And the tough guys are packing Bics.

No whitewash special session The Daytona Beach (Fla.) News-Journal

Never before has Florida faced three killer hurricanes in a month's time. With luck, it will never happen again.

But Florida's leaders can't rely on luck.

In the aftermath of Charley, Frances and Ivan, the state has an opportunity to examine hurricane preparedness.

Plans are being made for a special legislative session — probably in December — to deal with hurricane issues. The one most often mentioned: The deductible double-whammy that had many homeowners paying far more than they expected in out-of-pocket expenses before their property insurance kicked in — and, in some cases, paying it twice. ...

Florida has some experience with hastily called legislative sessions in which legislators operate with one eye on the clock and the other on the gas pedal. More frequently than not, sessions of this sort end up with the lobbyists running the show. If a session is inevitable, it's up to Gov. Jeb Bush and legislative leaders to make sure the people, not the lobbyists, get priority consideration. ...

A focused agenda would keep a special session on track. The timing and logistics will be tight, especially with elections looming. But if this year's storm season has taught Floridians anything, it's the value of being prepared — and of putting the common good before selfish interests.

Senator perverted valid policy The Birmingham (Ala.) News

Maybe there are good reasons to oppose a bill that would provide more than \$1.2 billion to clear up backlogs in DNA testing, pump more money into crime labs and help states cover the expenses of DNA tests for people who may have been wrongly convicted of crimes.

But U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions' reasons aren't among them. Sessions, R-Ala., didn't argue, for instance, that the federal government is awash in red ink, the United States is enmeshed in a war and the nation can't afford to spend more money for DNA testing.

That might be defensible, at least for those of us not sitting in a cell for a crime we didn't commit. But no Sessions' objections have nothing to do with fiscal responsibility. Instead, he takes the lowest of roads in a misguided bid to show how tough on crime he is. Namely, Sessions objects to the bill because it's a federal government giveaway to "anti-death penalty groups for the defense of murderers and terrorists."

That sure sounds bad. Who wants to think about our tax dollars going to defend



murderers and terrorists? Except this is one area where we can get real results from our tax dollars. In cases where DNA is an issue, testing the evidence can convict the guilty or exonerate the innocent.

DNA testing has cleared 151 people across the country who were falsely accused and wrongly convicted of crimes. Two of them were in Alabama. Some elsewhere were on Death Row.

This should trouble anyone — even a former prosecutor such as Sessions — who wants to believe our justice system is fair and foolproof. ... Whether DNA evidence proves someone guilty or proves him innocent, it can advance the cause of justice better than just about anything we've got going.

Sessions ought to be eager to make that happen. Instead, he's standing in the way.

Honesty on Iraq isn't defeatist Times Union, Albany, N.Y.

President Bush has to start taking his own administration's intelligence reports more seriously. And so does the rest of the country — all those who favored invading Iraq last year and all those who opposed it.

What we get from the White House, however, is more like a sound bite sort of defense of a war that by any fair assessment is going badly. ...

Mr. Bush himself promised the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday that freedom is coming to Iraq, even if securing it will mean more terrorist attacks there.

In other words, the Bush administration doesn't accept a nonpartisan and presumably informed examination of where the war is heading. ...

A sensible and worthwhile debate about Iraq would focus on providing the necessary troop strength to bring order to the Iraqi cities where the instability predicted by intelligence experts is visible on daily display, and where the possibility of civil war doesn't seem all that far-fetched. The same debate, of course, would have to include an honest discussion of the likely casualty toll of wresting control of places like Fallujah, Ramadi and Najaf. ...

The point of all of it should be to determine just what the endgame is, or should be, in Iraq.

But that means a debate that involves more than a reiteration of how successful a war that's cost more than 1,000 American lives has really been. A debate under those restrictions is a one-sided affair, with no value to speak of.

Six-figure penny

ME AUBURN — A trove of old coins, including a 1706s penny that's nearly the size of a half dollar and if authentic could be worth a fortune, have surfaced in a jewelry and coin shop.

The 1793 cent coin is known by the "strawberry leaf" name because of a trefol "It's spring on its tail side, like the Holy Grail of coins," said Dan Cunliffe Sr. of Republic Jewelry and Collectibles.

Cunliffe said the coins are to be auctioned off shortly after Thanksgiving by American Numismatic Rarities of Wolfeboro, N.H. The auction will be part of the Baltimore Coin Convention.

"I expect [the strawberry leaf cent] will draw bids of six figures," Cunliffe said.

WWII bullet still in knee

MO LEADINGTON — Ralph Heine figured his knee was shot. At age 86, he thought his balky joint was just a sign of old age.

Turns out he was carrying a souvenir from World War II for nearly six decades: a bullet in the knee.

During a recent medical exam of a problematic hip and knee, X-rays revealed a bullet that had eluded detection since Heine was shot by Nazi troops in early 1945.

Heine was serving with the 42nd Rainbow Division in the Alsace region of France. He recalled his story during a weekend event in the eastern Missouri town of Leadington to honor prisoners of war and those missing in action.

"I got shot in the shoulder, and when I went down they shot me again in the leg. I thought that bullet only grazed me," he said.

"I didn't think it went in."

205 mph speeding ticket

MN WABASHA — A motorcycleist racing at an estimated 205 mph may have won — the record for speeding in Minnesota.

State Patrol pilot Al Loney was flying near Wabasha, in southeastern Minnesota on the Wisconsin state line, watching two motorcycleists racing along U.S. Highway 61 on Saturday.

One of the riders shot forward, and Loney clicked his stopwatch once when the motorcycle reached a white marker on the road and again a quarter-mile later. The watch read 4.39 seconds, which Loney calculated to be 205 mph.

"I was in total disbelief," Loney said. "I had to double-check my watch because in 27 years I'd never seen anything move that fast."

A second State Patrol officer arrested 20-year-old Samuel Armstrong Tilley for reckless driving, driving without a motorcycle license and driving 140 miles per hour over the posted speed limit of 65 mph.

Year in jail for 'crack'

CT MILFORD — A man who mooned the judge will be spending an extra year in his prison jumpsuit.

Three months after dropping his pants in front of Superior Court

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Judge Patrick Carroll, Richard Brown was back in court Monday for a plea agreement on a robbery.

Brown's June 23 pants dropping cost him a year in prison. He got six months for contempt of court and an extra six months that the prosecutor added to the sentence offered in a plea deal for robbery.

Brown's bottomless outburst began when Carroll told him to say "yes, sir" when addressing the court.

"Sir? Kiss my [expletive], sir!" Brown shouted, dropping the pants of his two-piece prison jumpsuit as he turned to expose his rear end to the bench.

Enrollment rising

CT HARTFORD — The number of full-time students enrolled in state community colleges grew by nearly 10 percent this year, the third increase in as many years. Educators say students are attracted by lower costs and improved transfer agreements with four-year colleges. The 12-campus system has enrolled nearly 16,000 full-time students and nearly 30,000 part-time students.

Biotech campaign

RI PROVIDENCE — Business leaders are raising money for a campaign in support of a pro-

posed \$50 million biotechnology and life-sciences center at the University of Rhode Island. They believe the proposed center would make the state more competitive in attracting companies that specialize in biotechnology. Voters in November will be asked to approve borrowing for the project.

Warmer September

IA DES MOINES — September will apparently be warmer than August in Iowa this year. Weather experts say that has happened only one other time on record: in 1897. State climatologist Harry Hinkley says usually a cool summer means a cool September, but not this year. In 1897, Iowa had its coolest August on record and followed that with the second-warmest September.

Low-income housing hike

SD SIOUX FALLS — Rising lumber and metal costs have prompted state housing officials to increase the price of a Governor's House for those who qualify for the low-income housing program.

Beginning Oct. 18, residents will pay \$30,800, up from \$28,000, for the 960-square-foot homes, built by prison inmates at Mifflin Dufree State Prison in Springfield.

GOP fund flap

OR SALEM — Oregon Republican chairman Kevin Mannix received thousands of dollars from the state GOP to retire some of the debt from his failed run for governor in 2002.

Mannix, who received \$37,000, defended the payment. He told The Oregonian newspaper it's part of a new program to help Republican candidates who end up with campaign debt.

Pole dancing in dorm

FL JACKSONVILLE — Three students at Jacksonville University have been punished for installing a stripper pole in an on-campus apartment and taking pictures as clothed female students performed on it at a party.

About a dozen women competed for a \$100 Victoria's Secret gift certificate Sept. 11, said James Foster, a 20-year-old who hosted the party. None of the women disobeyed.

The men bought the steel pole, bolted it to the concrete ceiling and attached the bottom to a plywood stage covered in red felt.

"Honestly, we just wanted to say we had a stripper pole," Foster said. "We never actually expected girls to dance on it."

When university officials ordered the men to remove the pole, they complied, but not before building a huge party around it.

Signs reading "Pole Dancers Wanted" were posted around campus and the men bought large quantities of beer. Friends were enlisted friends to check identifications and manage security. They charged \$5 for men, and women were let in free.

The party ended shortly after the beer ran out.



Lighthouse man

Cars driving along Shawnee Mission Parkway in Fairway, Kan., will have a guiding light when stump sculptor Floyd Tinsley of Merriam, Kan., finishes the lighthouse sculpture he was carving out of the stump of an oak.



Wicked drive-by

A wicked witch makes her presence known, sitting on a car outside The Yellow Brick Road Gift Shop in Chesterton, Ind.



Beyond the yard

Sarah Kelley, 10, decorates a flamingo for an art fair at Park University in Parkville, Mo. The theme this year is Return of the Pink Flamingos.



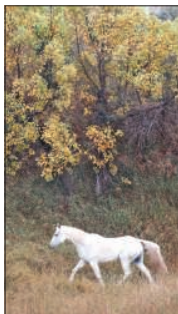
A group of egrets perch on a branch in a retention pond along Gladiola Avenue in Holly Hill, Fla.

Enjoying the view



Just hanging on

Jordan Leshore, 14, from Elbing Kan., tries to hang on as he loses his balance on the rope ladder at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, Kan.



Taking a stroll

A white horse provides contrast to a tree turning with autumn colors near Fort Clark in Mercer County, N.D.



The Patchmaster

Remy Schulz, 10 months, makes a gallant effort to move a pumpkin that is much larger than him at Hoxsie's Orchard Farm in Williamsburg, Mich.

Town money missing

NH ACWORTH — At first, town government officials found about \$6,800 missing from the clerk's office.

Now, it's more like \$224,550.

Last week, Acworth selectmen wrote to the town government's insurance company, the Local Government Center Property-Liability Trust of Concord, filing a claim for reimbursement of the stolen money.

"The information provided to us indicates a trend of missing funds going back to 1986," selectmen wrote in their insurance claim. "The town clerk was first elected in 1977 and it is likely that the theft started out with smaller amounts prior to 1987."

Brenda G. Longley, the town clerk for 27 years and the only employee in the clerk's office, resigned Aug. 16 after a discussion with Mason and Rich, an accounting firm in Concord. In her resignation letter, Longley said, "I really have no idea what happened."

Smoking crackdown

CA SAN FRANCISCO — A new law proposed this week would snuff out smoking in one of the last places in San Francisco where people can light up — the great outdoors.

The law would ban "inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted smoking equipment for tobacco or any other weed or plant" in all outdoor recreation areas regulated by the city, including parks, gardens, piers and playing fields. Violators would be slapped with a \$250 fine — though it's not clear who would enforce the law.

"It's just disgusting — our parks are covered with cigarette butts," Supervisor Michela Alito-Pier told her colleagues in introducing the legislation at their weekly meeting.

Shark caught in river

LA SIMMESPORT — Call it the catch of the day — or a lifetime.

Seafood merchant Richard Durrett was fishing Tuesday morning on the Red River near his business, Simmesport Fish Co., when his catfish net dredged up a 6-foot, 135-pound bull shark.

"I've been fishing since I was 10 years old, and I've caught some strange fish, but nothing like this," the 35-year-old said Wednesday. "Things happen, but I wasn't ready for this."

Finding a shark in the Red River is unusual. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries biologist Ricky Moses said Wednesday, but it has happened before. Moses, who specializes in inland and freshwater fish, said the LWF office in Opelousas has been asked to examine the shark. Bull sharks have been known to swim into fresh water areas, he said.

Durrett said he has caught much smaller sharks — about 30 pounds and 2 inches long — in the past near the Morgan City area.

Popular drive-in closes

CA SALINAS — Business was so good at Roy's Drive-in that the landmark eatery ran out of food before it was time to shut

down its griddles for good.

The crowd Tuesday night came for a last slice of nostalgia as the popular gathering spot for classic car enthusiasts served its final hamburgers after 50 years.

"It's really sad," said customer Georgia Sapiens, who waited nearly two hours for burger and fries. "It's sad that it came to this. Everybody is going to miss it."

Roger Patterson, who's worked at Roy's since 1964 and owned it since 1977, said he decided to close because he couldn't afford to fight a lawsuit by a disabled man who claims the drive-in does not provide adequate access for customers in wheelchairs.

Criminals change minds

WI SOUTH MILWAUKEE — A 3-year-old girl may have saved lives when she and her father walked into a jewelry store while an armed robbery was in progress.

"I think it's a good thing and a bad thing she came in," store employee Beth Barkow said. "You don't want a little girl to experience this, but if she hadn't come in, I don't know if we'd be alive."

Barkow was one of six people tied up in the back of the store during the Sept. 3 attempted heist by two robbers and an accomplice who acted as lookout.

Barkow said she was in a back room when the robbery began. She and two other employees were forced to lie on their stomachs, their hands bound with duct tape. Customers who entered the store were taken to the back room and tied up.

The robbers, meanwhile, went through cases of jewelry and threatened to shoot their captives.

After about half an hour, the girl and her father came in. The man was tied up while the girl sat beside her father.

The father said he was bound for about a minute before one robber said, "Come on, man. Not any kids. We can't do this."

The suspects fled, and still were being sought.

'Redskins' ruling

CA SACRAMENTO — Citing a desire to maintain local control, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has vetoed legislation that would have banned public schools from using "Redskins" as a team or mascot name.

In his veto message, the governor said local school boards should retain "general control over all aspects of their interscholastic policies," including team names and mascots.

"Adding another nonacademic state administrative requirement for schools to comply with takes more focus away from getting kids to learn at the highest level," Schwarzenegger said.

The measure's author, Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg, said she was disappointed with the governor's "lack of sensitivity" and called his veto message "silly."

"If local control is what you count on to decide civil rights issues, we'd still have slavery in America," the former school board member and teacher said in an interview.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

AFRTS Television Schedule

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2004

(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-VIDEO)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 House of Mouse	Movie *** Finding Forrester (2003) Sean Connery. A reclusive writer returns a Bronx youth's gift for words.	Movie "You Lucky Dog" (1998) Comedy Kim Cameron, James Avery, Chelsea Noble.	WWE SmackDown!	Headline News	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Latin Lifestyles	WWE SmackDown!
9:30 Animaniacs	EC: Ed, Edd & Eddy	SpongeBob SquarePants	Stargate SG-1 "Evolution" (Part 1 of 2)	The Chris Matthews Show	Urban Style	Stargate SG-1 "Evolution" (Part 1 of 2)	Stargate SG-1 "Evolution" (Part 1 of 2)
10:30 Fillmore (E)	Movie *** Father of the Bride (1991) Steve Martin. A father's last wish is to see his daughter's impending wedding.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
11:00 Out There "Homesick Blues"	Movie *** "No Way Out" (1997) Drama Kevin Costner. A reclusive writer returns a Bronx youth's gift for words.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
11:30 Planet's Funniest Animals	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
12:00 In the Mix "Living With..."	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
12:30 Happy Day	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
13:00 Movie *** "No Way Out" (1997) Drama Kevin Costner. A reclusive writer returns a Bronx youth's gift for words.	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
13:30 (1999) Comedy Ryan Reynolds, Kaley Slayton, Kevin Kline	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
14:30 Movie *** "Miracle in Lane 19" (2000) Drama Frankie Frazee, Patrick Leary	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
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16:00 Hey Arnold!	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
16:30 Rocket Power	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
17:00 SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
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18:00 The Crocodile Hunter	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
18:30 Casper: The Friendly Ghost	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
19:00 America's Funniest Home Videos	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
20:00 Gilmore Girls "Chicken or Beef?"	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
21:00 American Dreams "And Promises to Keep"	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
21:30 The Cosby Show	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
22:00 Home Improvement	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)
23:00 Touched by an Angel "Sympathy for the Devil"	Movie *** "The Graduate" (1967) Dustin Hoffman. A woman seduces a young man who falls for her daughter.	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	Headline News	Smallville "Exile" (Part 1 of 2)

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00:30	SpongeBob SquarePants	11:00	Movie *** "Major League" (1989) Comedy.	NFL Football: Packers at Colts or 49ers at Seahawks	11:30	MLB Baseball: Yankees to Be Announced (Live)	Austin City Limits "Yacy Chapman"	NFL Football: San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos (Live)
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1:00	The Crocodile Hunter	12:00	Movie *** "Major League" (1989) Comedy.	NFL Football: Packers at Colts or 49ers at Seahawks	12:00	MLB Baseball: Yankees to Be Announced (Live)	Austin City Limits "Yacy Chapman"	NFL Football: San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos (Live)
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5:00	Sesame Street (E)	16:00	Movie *** "Major League" (1989) Comedy.	NFL Football: Packers at Colts or 49ers at Seahawks	16:00	MLB Baseball: Yankees to Be Announced (Live)	Austin City Limits "Yacy Chapman"	NFL Football: San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos (Live)
5:30	Barney & Friends (E)	16:30	Movie *** "Major League" (1989) Comedy.	NFL Football: Packers at Colts or 49ers at Seahawks	16:30	MLB Baseball: Yankees to Be Announced (Live)	Austin City Limits "Yacy Chapman"	NFL Football: San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos (Live)
6:00	Blue's Clues	17:00	Movie *** "Major League" (1989) Comedy.	NFL Football: Packers at Colts or 49ers at Seahawks	17:00	MLB Baseball: Yankees to Be Announced (Live)	Austin City Limits "Yacy Chapman"	NFL Football: San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos (Live)
6:30	Dragon Tales (E)	17:30	Movie *** "Major League" (1989) Comedy.	NFL Football: Packers at Colts or 49ers at Seahawks	17:30	MLB Baseball: Yankees to Be Announced (Live)	Austin City Limits "Yacy Chapman"	NFL Football: San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos (Live)
7:00	Both the Builder "Tennis court"	18:00	Movie *** "Major League" (1989) Comedy.	NFL Football: Packers at Colts or 49ers at Seahawks	18:00	MLB Baseball: Yankees to Be Announced (Live)	Austin City Limits "Yacy Chapman"	NFL Football: San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos (Live)
7:30	The Wiggles "Dressing Up"	18:30	Movie *** "Major League" (1989) Comedy.	NFL Football: Packers at Colts or 49ers at Seahawks	18:30	MLB Baseball: Yankees to Be Announced (Live)	Austin City Limits "Yacy Chapman"	NFL Football: San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos (Live)
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9:30	Sage-Siamme Cat	20:30	Movie *** "Major League" (1989) Comedy.	NFL Football: Packers at Colts or 49ers at Seahawks	20:30	MLB Baseball: Yankees to Be Announced (Live)	Austin City Limits "Yacy Chapman"	NFL Football: San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos (Live)
10:00	Arthur (E)	21:00	Movie *** "Major League" (1989) Comedy.	NFL Football: Packers at Colts or 49ers at Seahawks	21:00	MLB Baseball: Yankees to Be Announced (Live)	Austin City Limits "Yacy Chapman"	NFL Football: San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos (Live)
10:30	Between the Lions (E)	21:30	Movie *** "Major League" (1989) Comedy.	NFL Football: Packers at Colts or 49ers at Seahawks	21:30	MLB Baseball: Yankees to Be Announced (Live)	Austin City Limits "Yacy Chapman"	NFL Football: San Diego Chargers at Denver Broncos (Live)
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13:00	Bob the Builder							
13:30	Dragon Tales (E)							
14:00	Blue's Clues							
14:30	Barney & Friends (E)							
15:00	Funtastic Home Videos							
15:30	Full House							
16:00	Pokemon							
16:30	Yo-Yo-Man (Part 1 of 2)							
17:00	Hey Arnold!							
17:30	Rocket Power							
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants							
18:30	Rugrats							
19:00	Lizzie McGuire							
19:30	Taina "Mega Funds"							
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Q If a cold is causing Wayne Newton's vocal problems, as his rep told you, he needs to see a top doctor: That "cold" is years old! — Esther Lynn, Las Vegas, Nev.

A Judging by our mailbox, hundreds of readers who recently heard Newton agree with you. As one wrote: "Mr. Newton is still a marvel when he picks up the many instruments he can play by ear. But vocally, he needs to stop before he really embarrasses himself."

Q I've fallen like a blind roofer for Lesley Ann Machado, a hostess on the TV Guide Channel. What can you tell me about her? — Steve Nahra, Virginia Beach, Va.

A The daughter of Cuban refugees, Lesley Ann, 30, grew up in New Jersey, where she studied ballet, flamenco, tap and belly dancing. She anchored Univision's Spanish-language show "Control" for five years but left because, she says, "Spanish TV was a lot about being a sex symbol, and you'd never catch me in a bikini." On the TV Guide Channel, Lesley Ann shows viewers what's on, not off.

Q I saw Natalie Portman with her dog, Charlie, on "The Late Show With David Letterman." What breed is he? — Lindsay Scheckelhoff, Cary, N.C.

A A Heinz 57-variety mutt. He was on the set when Natalie, 23, shot Mike Nichols' "Closer" with Jude Law and Julia Roberts, opening Dec. 3. And Star Wars fans will see Natalie in 2005 as Amidala in "Episode III — Revenge of the Sith." All that work should keep Charlie in biscuits.



Former tabloid fodder figure Russell Crowe seems to be leading a relatively tame existence as a family man. The Aussie hunk and his wife, Danielle Spencer, have a baby son.

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Natalie Portman (but not her dog) will soon be reprising her "Star Wars" role of Amidala.

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Q You used to write about Russell Crowe all the time. Why has he been absent of late? — Enid Hale, Blair, Neb.

A We thought he'd reformed and become ... well, a bit boring. Crowe, 40, seemed dedicated to family life with wife Danielle, 33, and baby Charles and was working on "Cinderella Man," about '30s heavyweight champ Jim Braddock. Then recent headlines said the actor bit his own bodyguard's ear in a brawl in Toronto. Columnists were eager to make comparisons to heavyweight champ Mike Tyson, but the bodyguard, "Spud" Carroll, has denied the story, adding: "He did take a nip at my chest."

Q Are any of the Andrews Sisters, known in the '40s as "America's Wartime Sweethearts," still alive and kicking? — Milton Lyon, Newport, Calif.

A We don't know about kicking, but Patty — youngest of the three sisters — is still sassy at 86. "I'm going to hang around until the big-band swing revival," she tells us from her home near L.A. LaVerne died of cancer in 1967 at 51, and Maxene died of a heart attack in 1995 at 79. Patty and her manager, Wally Weschler, have been married 53 years.

Q I have a 19-year-old son and have not seen this question directly addressed anywhere else: In your opinion, who is more likely to reintroduce the military draft, George W. Bush or John Kerry? — Mary E., Austin, Texas

A Neither. The draft is political poison, and both candidates know that trying to revive it would be as unpopular as bringing back Prohibition.

Q Is that the voice of R&B legend Lou Rawls I heard as the granddad on Nick at Nite's animated sitcom "Fatherhood"? — Mark Steen, Cedar City, Utah

A Yes. "Animation is great, because I just go into a studio to record my lines," says Rawls, who also voiced Harvey, the mailman, on Nickelodeon's "Hey Arnold!" At 70, he still performs 150 live dates a year, traveling with his new wife, Nina, 33, and Pekingese, Millie.

Q Your item on Minnie Driver made me wonder: Will she actually sing Carolla's arias in the film "Phantom of the Opera"? — Sharon Marcus, Richmond, Va.

A Minnie, 34, was a vocalist before she became an actress, but her arias were dubbed by Margaret Pricee, a real opera singer. In addition to the coveted Phantom role, she'll star in the film "The Virgin of Juarez." It looks like Minnie — who hasn't had a hit since "Good Will Hunting" — is poised for a comeback.



CBS

Jorja Fox and George Eads of "CSI" now serve as an example to other would-be well-paid TV stars.

Q Dylan McDermott was dumped by "The Practice," and George Eads and Jorja Fox nearly lost their "CSI" jobs. What's up? — Pam B., Bridgehampton, N.Y.

A An average hourlong drama now costs about \$2 million to make, so producers have little patience with stars who demand huge salaries. Their solution: cast relative unknowns who are cheap. Dick Wolf, creator of "Law & Order," led the way to this new TV formula with programs built around an ensemble cast, not a single star.

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YOUR MONEY

Preparing estate will help family grieve

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Salaried Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband, Jake's, new command. Last week, Jake talked about life insurance.

The April Family Readiness Group meeting was packed. A representative from base legal was coming to talk about military benefits — specifically our death benefits.

Evelyn opened the meeting on time, as usual, and introduced our guest speaker from base legal, Cmdr. Edward Brown. The commander was a short fellow with a mustache and steady eyes. You could tell he was one of those guys you always wanted on your side of the negotiating table.

Cmdr. Brown started, "Good evening, everyone. Tonight we are going to talk about something we all try to avoid — estate planning — or the process of organizing all of your personal responsibilities, belongings and paperwork before you die — so your survivors don't have to.

"Why is estate planning important?"

"To minimize the stress on our loved ones?" a lady in the front asked.

"Yes," he replied. "You can't totally prepare anyone for the emotional stress from your loss, but you can do a tremendous amount to minimize the administrative stress — especially for your estate's executor. For women, the term is executrix."

"What administrative stress?" Maggie asked.

"Somebody has to continue paying the bills and transfer the deceased person's belongings to their survivors. That person is called an executor or an executrix," Cmdr. Brown explained. "What many of us don't realize is the amount of effort required by our executors to move our belongings through a process called probate, as well as the effort to do all the paperwork to claim our government benefits."

"Isn't probate the administration of our estate?" the lady in the front asked.

"Exactly," Mr. Hardy replied. "Probate is the government's way of making sure everything in our estate goes to where it is supposed to go according to the law. Otherwise, we have no guarantee that our last

wishes will be kept after we die.

"The government says all property not transferred by contract or operation of law must be transferred by the probate process."

"If you don't have a will, the probate process makes sure your immediate family is taken care of first. But unfortunately, sometimes the process takes months, and probate can be a tremendous burden to your family. You need to take the steps to be prepared for the inevitable."

"First, always have a will. It will make life much easier on your loved ones who survive you."

"What else can we do now to help our executor?" a petty officer in the crowd asked.

"Good question," Cmdr. Brown replied. "Besides having a will, you can do several things."

"You can build your personal and property-record binders. These binders organize all of your paperwork in one place for your executor."

Otherwise, your executor is going to have to track down everything you own and the paperwork that goes with it. Take it from someone who had to sort through an unorganized relative's stuff after they died. It

can be a real hassle."

"Can you give us an example?" I asked.

"Of course," the commander replied. "When my uncle died, I was asked to be his executor. I had to go to the county courthouse where he lived to register his will. The judge appointed me executor and I was told to compile a list of everything my uncle owned and owed."

"I spent the next year trying to sort things out, paying bills, and finding family and his friends. If my uncle had made the personal property and paperwork binders I recommend you build, my executor job would have been much easier."

"My uncle may not have had binders, but he did have estate paperwork."

Next week, Cmdr. Brown talks about estate planning.

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Money U.



Ralph Nelson

Companies expand services for working moms

Employers now offer its workers everything from yoga to eldercare

BY MADLEN READ

The Associated Press

Returning to work after giving birth is tough.

Running a half-marathon on top of that is tougher.

But Kirstie Foster did it with the help of her employer, General Mills Inc., which provides onsite childcare and health facilities at the company's Minneapolis headquarters. After dropping off her daughter at daycare every morning, Foster met with a food behaviorist, a nutritionist and a personal trainer. Six months later, she crossed the finish line.

"After you have a baby, you tend to focus on everything but yourself," said Foster, a corporate rate public relations manager and runner who has managed to add family life to the mix. "It's difficult to find the time of day to work out and plan meals."

General Mills is among a host of companies that have expanded services for working mothers beyond just maternity leave and flexible hours, according to Working Mother magazine, which re-

leased its 19th annual list Tuesday of the 100 best companies for working mothers.

The business rationale behind these efforts? Cheaper and more convenient health care and fitness programs mean employees are more likely to take advantage of them. And happier, healthier employees typically translates into boosted productivity, less absenteeism and fewer health care and disability expenses for the company years down the road, according to Working Mother Media CEO Carol Evans.

It also helps mothers maintain a better balance between work and family life, she said.

Foster, a General Mills manager, agrees. "It's not only a cost savings, it's a time savings," she said. "When I go home at night, I can go spend time with my husband and daughter."

The general trend among employers nationwide has been toward increased work flexibility options and eldercare benefits in the past few years, while childcare benefits have remained at



Kirstie Foster, a corporate public relations manager with General Mills Inc., comforts her 10-month-old daughter Mia as she visits her at the childcare facilities in the company's headquarters in Golden Valley, Minn., last week.

about the same level, said Ellen Galinsky, president of the non-profit Families and Work Institute in New York, which was not involved with the study.

Where companies in the booming late '90s offered more "bells-and-whistles" benefits, today companies are sticking more to fundamentals, Galinsky said — for example, new ways to offer flexible hours, such as part-year work.

"Things like that are the new frontier," Galinsky said.

Another trend evident at many of the magazine's choices is a growing understanding that working mothers are daughters, too. Companies increasingly are offering such services as dependent-care centers for aging parents and elder health care and referrals.

As the baby boomer generation ages and the average lifespan increases, eldercare has become a

new focus for IBM Corp., which has appeared in Working Mother's top 100 since the list's inception.

While the company has offered eldercare and referral services since 1988, the need for such services has tripled from 9 percent of IBM employees to 27 percent, according to Maria Ferris, manager of work-life and women's initiatives at IBM.

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Thinking of moms

The top 10 companies — in alphabetical order — for working mothers, as determined by Working Mother magazine.

- Bristol-Myers Squibb
- Communications
- Eli Lilly and Co.
- IBM Corp.
- Johnson & Johnson
- J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Prudential Financial Inc.
- S.C. Johnson & Son Inc.
- Wachovia Corp.

Source: Working Mother magazine

Sunday Horoscope

Mars hops on the solar trend with today's transit into Libra's lovely homeland. Mars will reside in Libra until Nov. 11. Libra is about partnership, and Mars will put real energy behind any team effort.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 26). Visualizing a beautiful future will be key to obtaining it. Spend time nurturing your imagination this year through reading, travel and saying "yes" to new experiences. Ultimately, you'll have a lot of fun and find love and money on your way. Nothing goes as planned in December, but it turns out brilliantly. Capricorn and Aries love is passionate.

Your lucky numbers are: 20, 45, 1, 22 and 26.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This harmonious, energetic and confident feature will lead to a lighthearted conversation. Your underrated talents come to the fore. Watch out tonight, though. Seeking instant gratification can sabotage long-term goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People want to suck you into their dramas, but who needs the aggravation? Let weird comments roll off your back like water from a duck. When you're the bighaired one, others surprise you by rising to the standard you've set.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Make contacts, and cement alliances.

Finishing what you've started is challenging, but your reward will be seen on completion. Someone new could declare romantic interest, but this love affair would come with a lot of baggage.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Artistic happenings bring you together with interesting new friends and future business partners. Special requests are made of you, but don't feel obligated. Organize your closet, and it will help you organize your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Use creative vibes to pep up your domestic environment. Friends might find a lackluster idea of fun — it rests on you to get the party started. Tonight

is right for making a move on your secret crush. A Scorpio is featured.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll learn much from reading and listening to charismatic speakers. Be sure to take advice and apply it to your life on a daily basis that makes a difference. Singles get swept up by bigger-than-life personalities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Guard your private carefully. Don't let anyone design anything you don't have the energy to keep up. On the other hand, people who match your personality, tone, intelligence and sense of humor will give you plenty of energy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Go through your address and phone book to re-establish contact with terrific people. Friends help you circulate your best work and ideas. The stars stir up passionate feelings tonight. Lucky arrangements include a Sagittarius.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This day promises near a dull moment.

The unexpected keeps you on tip-toe toes, ready to leap, lunge and dash. You come out of the process wanting something different than you once wanted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's no more to do on in your world that it's impossible to keep track without writing it down.

Preoccupation could strain your relationships, so when you're with family, really be there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People respond to your enthusiasm and want to be convinced of your point of view. Action and success go hand in hand.

Hesitation and failure do, too. Save time and energy by giving someone else more responsibility.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your choices affect people far from you, but it's smart to consider what's best for you and your loved ones first. Return all favors. Being indebted to others comes with a higher cost than you think.

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'Busted': Really old slang

I have often wondered about the word "busted." I see it used in TV, plays, radio, newspapers, and books: Someone is arrested by the police and the word "busted" is used as "the person was busted" or "there was a drug bust." I would like to know the origin of the term.

The word "bust," meaning "to arrest," and the noun "bust," meaning "a police raid," both originated in American slang over 50 years ago.

Their exact origins are not entirely clear, but we can make an educated guess about them by tracing the evolution of the older slang word "bust."

"Bust" has many meanings. One of its earliest attested senses (dating back to 1860) is "to break

or smash with force." From this literal use soon developed such figurative senses as "to bring an end to," "break up," "trust-busting," "to tame," ("bronco-busting") and "to demolish." All of these senses retain some suggestion of breaking something apart or breaking down.

The sense "to arrest" may well have come directly from the "demolish" sense, which was standard in military use as early as the 20th century. The shared meaning is one of bringing someone down a notch, especially as a form of punishment. The noun "bust" meaning "a police raid" is apparently derived from the verb.

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Showing of in inappropriate picture is cause for alarm

Dear Abby: I was recently at a youth sporting event.

Later that evening, one of the coaches and several of the parents were sitting around the pool table talking. Some joking sexual comments were made. The coach told one of the other fathers that he had a picture of himself as a youth.

He pulled it out of his wallet, and it was passed around the group. It was a picture of a 7- to 10-year-old boy, completely naked, that had been "altered" to exaggerate the size of the boy's you-know-what.

Not a single parent voiced any objection to this picture. The coach later handed the picture to me (after one of the other parents laughing told me he should show it to me). When I expressed disgust ("I really don't appreciate you showing this picture..."), the coach made me out to be the bad guy.

Do you think this picture is appropriate for a coach of adolescent boys to carry in his wallet and show to others? It struck me as child porn.

—Amazed and Disgusted

Dear Abby: I was recently at a youth sporting event.

The incident should be reported to the league authorities. For the

coach to have shown the picture was a juvenile display of bad taste and poor judgment. For that reason, I am not sure he is responsible enough to be supervising young boys.

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A week later, Edgar was back, begging to start over. He promised to change and even moved in with me for three months. Then he reverted back to his ways. I was fed up with him to pay his bills because I earned more than he did. When I lost my job and could no longer help him, he pulled away from me.

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Grandma wants to know sex of baby before parent learn

Dear Annie: My husband and I are expecting our first child. I am starting my second trimester, and we have decided to wait until the baby is born to learn if it's a boy or a girl.

My mother wrote to me the other day, asking if my doctor could email her with the information about the baby's sex after we have our ultrasound. She says this will help her relate to her grandchildren and make it easier to shop before the birth.

My husband and I think this is an odd request. Why on earth would we allow someone else's family to know the baby's gender before we find out ourselves? I politely told my mother-in-law that we had found out together, the old-fashioned way.

Am I wrong to feel annoyed over Mom's request?

—Still Waiting in Kansas
Dear Kansas: Try not to make too much out of this. Your mother is eager and curious, and she wants to pick out clothes. Since you have elected not to know the baby's sex in advance, however, your mother should respect your wish to be surprised and stop asking for more information than she is entitled to. Tell her she'll just have to wait, like everyone else.

Dear Annie: Eating dinner together as a family is a simple event, but it can make a world of difference for children and teens. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University has consistently found that the more often children eat dinner with their

families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs.

Created in 2001 as a direct result of CASA's research, "Family Day" is a national effort to promote parental engagement in children's lives as a simple, effective tool to help reduce substance abuse among children and teens and raise healthier children.

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As difficult as it sometimes may be, making time for family dinners is worth the effort. Sincerely,

—Joseph A. Califano, Chairman and President, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University

Dear Joseph: We are pleased, once again, to mention Family Day and encourage our readers to eat dinner together tomorrow night, Monday, Sept. 27. It doesn't have to be fancy.

Get the whole family involved in the planning and preparation. Sit down together, talk to one another (no TV), and share your day. Serve a special dessert to make it memorable. For more suggestions, check out www.CASAFamilyDay.org. Bon appetit!

Dear Annie: My good friend and I have daughters who are the same age (9) and are in school together. The trouble is, my daughter, "Amy," doesn't like "Cora," and does not want to spend time with her. It is especially awkward when Amy's birthday comes around and she doesn't want to invite Cora to her party.

So far, I have been forcing Amy to invite Cora, but she is not happy about it.

—British Columbia
Dear B.C.: You have an opportunity to teach compassion to Amy. Keep encouraging her to include Cora at her parties, although the two of them do not otherwise have to socialize.

Explain to Amy that, as she gets older, Cora will naturally go their separate ways, but it is unkind and hurtful at this time to exclude the girl from major social events.

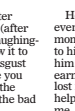
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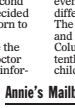
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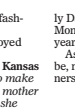
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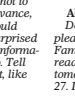
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Once welcomed, archbishop now sees good will evaporate

BY DENISE LAVOIE

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Charged with cleaning up the mess of the clergy sex abuse scandal, Boston Archbishop Sean O'Malley took a low-key approach. He asked to be called "Archbishop Sean" and shunned many of the trappings that go with his rank, quickly winning over many parishioners.

A little over a year later, things have changed. Whether it's deserved or not, some Boston-area Roman Catholics now are calling O'Malley "The Iceman" as he pushes ahead with plans to close almost a quarter of the parishes in the nation's fourth-largest archdiocese.

O'Malley announced the 82 church closures in May, after months of trying to prepare parishioners for the need to downsize. The closings were necessary, he said, because of a long, steady decline in Mass attendance, a shortage of priests and deteriorating church buildings that would cost more than \$100 million to repair.

He admitted the clergy sex abuse crisis had exacerbated the problems, but insisted the church-

es were not being closed to raise money for a \$90 million settlement of more than 500 sex abuse lawsuits.

"I am profoundly aware of the emotion the announcement of the closing of a parish evokes," O'Malley said at the time. "I wish there was some way that all of these wonderful houses of life and prayer could remain open and alive and full. But there is not."

Ever since the list of parishes was released, O'Malley has been bombarded with criticism.

Some say he picked churches with pastors who were considered rebellious, or those with active chapters of the lay reform group Voice of the Faithful. Others accused him of picking churches in wealthy suburbs, where high real estate values would bring a good price for church property.

Parishioners launched petition drives, letter-writing campaigns and demonstrations to try and change O'Malley's mind.

Last month, parishioners at St. Albert the Great in Weymouth refused to leave after the final Mass was celebrated at the 54-year-old parish. Since then, they've staged a sit-in, working in shifts to make sure people are there at all times.

Parishioners at St. Anselm's in Sudbury followed with a similar occupation and at least three other churches are considering doing the same.

The sit-ins have put O'Malley in the difficult position of either waiting out the parishioners or forcing a confrontation.

O'Malley declined to be interviewed but his spokesman, the Rev. Christopher Coyne, said the archdiocese does not intend to forcibly evict any of the parishioners and is hoping to settle the disputes through mediation.

When O'Malley first arrived in Boston in the summer of 2003, he was praised for his down-to-earth style — in contrast to his predecessor, Cardinal Bernard Law, who was criticized for being aloof.

A Capuchin Franciscan friar who wears the order's simple brown robe, O'Malley shunned the opulent mansion where Law lived and moved instead to an apartment behind the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston's South End.

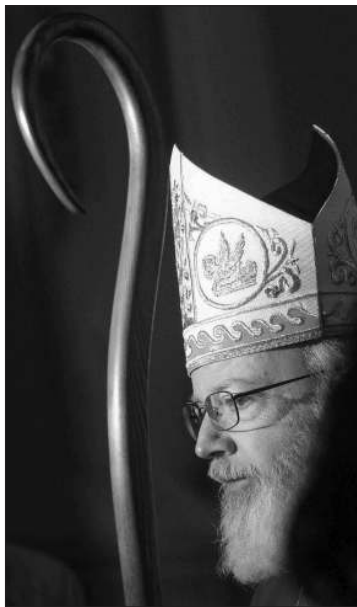
He quickly settled a huge load of sex abuse lawsuits, hoping to move the archdiocese beyond the worst episode in its history. He won near-unanimous praise from parishioners, priests and victims of clergy abuse.

But O'Malley's refusal to budge on the church closings has infuriated those same people.

"I see someone who has difficulty being responsive to the needs of the parishioners," said Mary Akoury, a parishioner at St. Albert's. "He's gone about this the same way his predecessor went about things."

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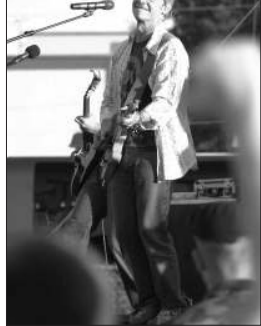


Archbishop Sean O'Malley, brought to Boston to clean up the clergy sex abuse scandal, is pushing ahead with plans to close almost a quarter of the parishes in the archdiocese, against the wishes of many parishioners.

SCC emarks on 'All Things New'

BY BRIAN BOWERS

Stars and Stripes



Steven Curtis Chapman performs for an enthusiastic crowd on Tuesday. The concert, held at Fort Campbell, Ky., home of the 101st Airborne Division, marked the release of Chapman's latest CD, "All Things New."

With 13 CDs on the shelf, it might be hard to imagine that new ground Steven Curtis Chapman could cover in his 14th.

However, "All Things New" lives up to its name. Sure, several of the songs are traditional SCC, but many offer a feeling of experimentation and growth that makes this CD something truly new.

The title track, "Only Getting Started" and "Please Only You" are excellent pop tunes and likely to receive a lot of airplay. However, the slower songs give the CD much of its beauty and depth.

It's a musically diverse disc that flows from ballads to pop tunes to rock anthems and back with a surprising grace. It takes you on a journey that rolls up and down but always delivers an overriding sense of joy, awe and anticipation.

The disc was released last week, with its debut linked to a concert Tuesday at Fort Campbell, Ky., home of the 101st Airborne Division. The division is gearing up to deploy to Iraq.

"It was rockin'," said Cathy Gramling of the Fort Campbell public affairs office.

"You had people dancing and people clapping their hands," Gramling said. "They really appreciated it." In a press release, Chapman said, "I hope this day and concert encourages them and can in some small way express

my sincere thanks for all they are doing and the sacrifices they are making in the service of our country."

The new CD opens with "All Things New." After an acoustic intro that joyfully retells the creation story, the tempo builds as the lyrics describe God's continuing action in the world and anticipates Jesus' return to make everything new — a common theme on the disc.

Things then slow down a bit with "Much of You," an acoustic praise ballad. But they pick up again with "Only Getting Started," a fun account of being overwhelmed by God's gifts. The chorus says it all: "Hey kid, you ain't seen nothin' yet! I'm only getting started." It's an enthusiastic piece introduced by twangy guitarwork and propelled by scratches and electronic flourishes. It's certainly something new.

The tempo slows again for the next two tracks: "Last Day on Earth," which ponders mortality and serves as a call to live with purpose, and "What Now," which describes how we are called to help the needy. The second song evokes images of Chapman's own experience with adopting two daughters from China when he sings, "I saw the face of Jesus in a little orphan girl."

"Please Only You" has traditional SCC written all over it. It's an enjoyable pop ballad that says, "Let everything I say and everything I do, please, please only You." Crank up the volume for the next track.

"Coming Attractions" soars to a new level as it anticipates Jesus' return and proclaims, "Until that day comes, let your kingdom come in me, let your will be done in me." It's a prayerful but very powerful rock song that washes over the listener in waves and provokes thought.

The next track, "Big Story," is a bouncy throwback to the '60s. It invites the listener to "come and take your place in the story" being written in heaven.

With "Believe Me Now," the tempo slides back a few notches. The haunting, awe-filled look at God's power and love also contains the rich baritone vocals of Mac Powell of Third Day.

Chapman then turns to the piano to round out the disc with intimate thoughts about the beauty of heaven in "Angels Wish," trusting God in "I Believe In You" and acting out your faith in "Treasure of Jesus."

About a week ago, Chapman was nominated for an American Music Award as "Favorite Contemporary Inspirational Artist" — a title that he won last year. With "All Things New," those nominations are likely to keep rolling in.

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Yankees master Martinez again

6-4 victory vs. Red Sox ace eerily similar to ALCS win

BY JIMMY GOLEN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — The game was over more than a half-hour, time Pedro Martinez spent reflecting on his failure in what might have been his last appearance in the Yankee-Red Sox rivalry. It was then, in the calm of a clubhouse interview room, that he conceded defeat.

"What can I say — just tip my hat and call the Yankees my daddy," Martinez said. "I can't find a way to beat them at this point."

With an eerie resemblance to last year's postseason debacle, Martinez took a lead into the eighth inning before the Yankees rallied past Boston 6-4 Friday night to open a 5½-game advantage in the AL East.

Gradly Little was the Red Sox manager last fall when he left Martinez in during the eighth inning of Game 7 in the AL championship series, the Yankees overcame a 5-2 deficit to tie it and earned a World Series berth when Aaron Boone homered in the 11th.

Little was let go after the season and replaced by Terry Francona. But Francona, much as his predecessor did, sent Martinez (16-8) back out for the eighth even though he needed 101 pitches to get through the first seven innings; the Boston fans let Francona hear about it on Friday, much as they did for his predecessor.

Hideki Matsui homered on pitch No. 103 to make it 4-4, and Bernie Williams followed with a ground-rule double. Martinez struck out Jorge Posada, who hit the game-tying double off the Red Sox ace in the ALCS, but Ruben Sierra singled home the go-ahead run and — finally — chased Martinez.

"It had a lot of similarities to the playoff game last year," Yankees starter Mike Mussina said. "History tends to repeat itself," but usually not that quickly." Morgan Ramirez hit the lead-off home run, and Trot Nixon also connected for Boston, which had been hoping to close ground on the Yankees but



Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez reacts to giving up an RBI-singlet to N.Y. Yankees' Ruben Sierra in the eighth inning of New York's 6-4 win in Boston.

now needs to win the final two games of the series to have any realistic hope of winning the division.

If not, the Red Sox are comfortably in the lead for the AL wild-card spot, six games ahead of Anaheim and Texas. Only if Boston wins in the first round of the playoffs and the Yankees do the same would Martinez wind up facing his nemesis again, though he seemed to dread the prospect.

"They're that good. They're that hot right now — at least against me," said the three-time Cy Young winner, who is 10-10 against the Yankees in his career and 172-65 against the rest of baseball. "I wish they would disappear and not come back. I would like to face any other team right now."

Martinez, who can become a free agent after the season, tried to deflect the blame from his manager, just as he did last October.

"It's just frustrating for me not to do the job," he said. "It was all me. I wanted to bury myself on that mound."

Francona stood by his decision, just as Little did. "If I let him out there after two pitches... it would make it look like I wasn't making a very good decision before the inning," Francona said.

Tom Gordon (8-4) pitched two innings and allowed a solo home to Johnny Damon that gave Boston a 4-3 lead. Manny Rivera pitched the ninth for his 51st save; he has blown four saves all season, two against the Red Sox.

D.C. done talking, ready for decision

BY JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As far as Washington is concerned, the negotiations with Major League Baseball are essentially done. Now it's a matter of waiting for a 33-year drought to end.

Months of talks — including an 11½-hour session last week and another round that lasted until midnight Wednesday — have produced a 30-page document that would conditionally award the Montreal Expos to the nation's capital.

"I would say that it is virtually completed without any major deal points outstanding," Bill Hall, chairman of the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission's baseball committee, said Friday.

So what's next?
"As far as I'm concerned," Hall said, "it's all over. From Major League Baseball that we have a deal."

The wait shouldn't be long. The city needs a decision by the end of next week so that legislation can be introduced to pay for a \$13 million renovation of RFK Stadium

as well as \$440 million package that would build a new stadium south of the Capitol along the Anacostia River. The team would play in RFK for three seasons before moving to the new ballpark.

If the process should start later, stadium financing would be in danger of not being passed before Dec. 31, when the terms expire for several City Council members whose votes are needed to pass the measure.

Washington has been without a major league team since 1971, when the expansion Senators moved to Texas, but the city has clearly taken the lead in the competition to land the Expos, who were bought by the other 29 major league teams before the 2002 season.

On Thursday, baseball's executive council met in Milwaukee to discuss relocation. While no formal recommendations were made, Commissioner Bud Selig told the council he would work to finish a deal as quickly as possible, with the nation's capital the apparent choice.

Selig's decision, once it comes, must be approved by the owners.

La Russa fuming over Tavaraz's suspension

The Associated Press

DENVER — An appeal did little to help St. Louis reliever Julian Tavaraz, who was suspended for eight days Friday for applying a foreign substance to balls while pitching last month.

Tavaraz was ejected from a game Aug. 24 against Pittsburgh when umpires inspected his grubby hat. After the game, crew chief Joe West said Cardinals manager Tony La Russa "as much admitted" it was pine tar on Tavaraz's cap.

Tavaraz was originally handed a 10-day suspension. The penalty, which began with Friday's game at Colorado, was reduced by two days after an appeal.

Still, La Russa was livid, not only because Tavaraz won't return until Oct. 2, with just two games remaining in this regular season, but because he doesn't think the penalty is appropriate for the transgression.

"Every year, there have been some other competitions all over the league, and there have been some eruptions involving players, umpires, all of which are so much worse for our game... and those things routinely get penalized with two, three, five games. And this is an eight-game? For something they haven't even proven? What kind of message is baseball sending there? The message I get is a bad one," La Russa said.

The commissioner's office had no further comment, spokesman Pat Courtney said.

Appeals were also heard for Baltimore reliever Jorge Julio and Houston second baseman Jeff Keister, but neither Dan Wheeler, Julio started serving his four-game suspension for throw-

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ing a pitch that nearly hit Minnesota's Angie Ojeda in the head. A \$1,000 fine was dropped.

Kent had his three-game suspension reduced to two. He was suspended for kicking and throwing dirt on home plate after being ejected by plate umpire Chris Guccione on July 25 at Milwaukee. Wheeler's three-game suspension for hitting Chicago first baseman Derrek Lee with a pitch on Aug. 27 was upheld.

Pirates retain McClelland

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Pirates retained manager Lloyd McClelland and made offers Friday to retain all of his staff.

McClelland signed a contract extension through the 2005 season in April, with a club option for 2006. If the coaches accept the team's offers, it will mark the second straight year that no changes will be made to the coaching staff.

"My coaches have done a fine job," McClelland said. "I think it's just a formality."

McClelland is 277-361 as manager of the Pirates' four years as manager.

Rockies release LHP Fassero

DENVER — The Colorado Rockies released left-hander Jeff Fassero on Friday after he and manager Clint Hurdle disagreed about his ability to start against St. Louis on weekend.

"It was over philosophical differences," Hurdle said. "That's all I have to say about it. He had concerns, and I had concerns."

Fassero was scheduled to start Sunday.

Twins' Santana celebrates 20th win

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Minnesota Twins sipped champagne for the second time this week, this time to honor their ace.

The Twins, who clinched the AL Central title Monday, toasted Johan Santana after he became the second 20-game winner in the major leagues with his 13th consecutive victory, an 8-2 win over the Cleveland Indians on Friday night.

"This is something special," said Santana, who was presented with three baseballs by his teammates. "I got one for No. 20, one for No. 258 and another for No. 259."

The last two were for tying and then setting a Minnesota record for strikeouts in a season. Santana (20-6) struck out six to put his AL-leading total at 260. Bert Blyleven set the previous Twins mark with 258 in 1973.

Twins' 33-inning scoreless streak was snapped. He allowed a run — his first in September — and two hits in six innings.

"A string like his does not happen very often," said Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "They, he gave up a run tonight. That's a shocker."

AL Roundup

Santana is 1-0 with a 1.18 ERA in 14 starts since the AL-KR break. He has won 12 starts in a row since allowing only one in a no-decision July 22 against Tampa Bay.

"He's just been unbelievable," Gardenhire said. "I don't think you can have a better year than he has so we had a little more to him."

The 25-year-old left-hander, who entered this season with a 23-12 career record, tied Boston's Curt Schilling for the major league lead in wins.

The Twins built a 6-0 lead by scoring five runs with two outs in the fourth off Kyle Denney. Henry Blanco, Shannon Stewart and Jacques Jones hit consecutive RBI singles, and Lew Ford followed with a two-run double.

Athletics 6, Angels 3: Rich Harden (11-6) earned his eighth win in nine decisions. Eric Byrnes hit a two-run homer off Kelvin Escobar (10-12) and visiting Oakland took a three-game lead in the AL West. The Angels remained tied for second with Texas.

Mariners 8, Rangers 7: Ichiro Suzuki had two more hits to move within eight of George Sisler's major league record, and Randy Winn's infield single in the ninth helped visiting Seattle end Texas' five-game winning streak. Suzuki singled twice and has 249 hits this season. Sisler had 257 for the St. Louis Browns in 1920.

Devil Rays 4, Mets Jays 2: Aubrey Huff hit his 29th homer and Mark Hendrickson (10-15) pitched seven solid innings for Tampa Bay at Tropicana Field.

Huff was the pitcher in the first game he hit eight straight at-bats with a hit — tying Suzuki and San Francisco's Delivi Cruz for the longest run in the majors this season. Huff's bid for a ninth straight hit was foiled by left fielder Reed Johnson's diving catch in the fourth.

Orioles 7, Tigers 5: At Baltimore, Miguel Tejada hit game-winning, three-run homer off Esteban Yan (3-6) in the ninth. Tejada went 4-for-5 with four RBIs. Javy Lopez homered and drove in three runs.

Royals 8, White Sox 6: At Chicago, John Buck homered twice to back winner Jimmy Gobble (9-8).

Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

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Barrichello wins China pole after Schumacher spins out

The Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — Rubens Barrichello claimed the pole position for the inaugural Chinese Grand Prix on Saturday after Ferrari teammate and Formula One champion Michael Schumacher spun out seconds into his qualifying lap.

Barrichello picked up his second straight pole, the 12th of his career. He turned a fast lap of 1 minute, 34.012 seconds on the new 3.38-mile Shanghai International Circuit.

Schumacher spun on the first turn, leading the practice as four earlier in 1:33.185. He will

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driver.

In 1998, Schumacher had the pole for the final race of the season, the Japanese Grand Prix, but stalled on the grid and was sent to the back of the pack.

In 1995, as a Benetton driver, he was 16th on the grid, but went on to win the Belgian Grand Prix.

Midway through the first turn, Schumacher lost control of his Ferrari and spun off the track

start in the last row. In Sunday's 56-lap race, his worst starting spot as a Ferrari

into the wide gravel area. He got back onto the track and completed the lap, but did not record a time.

Carpentier wins pole for Las Vegas Champ Car race

LAS VEGAS — Patrick Carpentier, coming off his first victory of the Champ Car season, won his first pole of the year Friday with a 206.186 mph run in the series' first outing at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

The point he received for the pole moved him into a tie for fourth in the driver standings with Paul Tracy, who qualified 11th.



Jeremy Mayfield runs a lap during qualifying for the MBNA America 400 at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del., on Friday. Mayfield won the pole, putting behind him a week last week that seriously damaged his hopes of winning the Nextel Cup championship.

Management agency says Armstrong provided sponsor clean drug samples

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Lance Armstrong's management agency said it provided clean drug test results more than a month ago to a company withholding a \$5 million bonus owed Armstrong for winning a record sixth straight Tour de France.

Lance has made it unambiguously clear that he does not use, nor has he ever used, performance-enhancing drugs," said a statement issued Friday night by Capital Sports and Entertainment, the Austin, Texas-based agency that manages Armstrong's U.S. Postal Cycling Team. "The baseless and mean-spirited doging allegations against Lance are not supported by any facts."

In refusing to release the money, SCA Promotions Inc. of Dallas has cited allegations in a French book that Armstrong used performance-enhancing drugs and said the company needs to investigate the claims by reviewing Armstrong's medical records.

Chris Compton, an attorney for SCA, told The Associated Press on Thursday, "We've requested [drug] test results to disprove the allegations — clean test results that should be easily attainable."

But Friday's statement refuted what the management agency labeled "SCA's disingenuous and self-serving quote."

"SCA is not interested in valid and authenticated 'testing results,'" the statement said, claiming it provided that documentation to SCA in mid-August.

Rather, SCA has demanded "every medical record and medical provider of Mr. Armstrong, his complete medical history; all records of all Armstrong's past bonus awards; and all contracts" involving Armstrong and a number of individuals and entities, the statement said.

A telephone message seeking a response from SCA was not immediately returned Friday night.

Bush signs bill tightening rules for sports agents

WASHINGTON — President

Sports briefs

Bush signed a law Friday establishing tougher penalties for professional sports agents.

The bill stiffens penalties for agents who lure student-athletes into contracts that compromise their amateur standing and damage the reputations of their schools.

The legislation, which passed by voice vote in the House on Friday, was promoted by Rep. Tom Osborne, R-Neb., a former Nebraska football coach. Osborne said he has seen sports agents literally using gifts to recruit student-athletes.

The law bars agents from recruiting student-athletes by giving false or misleading information or providing anything of value to the athlete or his family before entering into a contract.

The agent also must disclose in writing that the athlete may lose NCAA eligibility after signing an agency contract. And the law requires the athlete and the agent to notify the school's athletic director that the athlete has signed a contract so the school does not allow a now-ineligible athlete to play.

Violators would face civil actions by the Federal Trade Commission and state attorneys general. Fines of up to \$11,000 a day could be levied for each offense.

Gold medal dispute prompts FIG to propose changes

International gymnastics officials are considering rule changes they hope will prevent another debacle like the one at the Athens Olympics that, a month later, still has Paul Hamm defending his all-around gold medal.

The International Gymnastics Federation, known as FIG, announced Friday it will recommend that judges who make mistakes be punished immediately, with sanctions lasting up to four years. And USA Gymnastics is proposing that use of video replay in the review of start values.

The proposals from the FIG's

executive commission and USA Gymnastics will be considered at the FIG congress next month in Turkey.

The FIG came under fire in Athens after it discovered a scoring error that may have cost Yang Tae-young of South Korea the men's all-around title.

Roddick powers U.S. to lead in Davis Cup semifinals

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Andy Roddick kept a record 155 mph serve in the U.S. men's 6-4, 6-4 Friday over Vladimir Voltchkov on Friday to help the United States to a 2-0 lead over Belarus in the Davis Cup semifinals.

A top-seeded medalist Mardy Fish served 19 aces to defeat Max Mirnyi in the second singles match 7-5, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

The American team of Bob and Mike Bryan was scheduled to play Mirnyi and Alexander Skrypkov on Saturday in the best-of-five competition between the two nations.

Serena Williams, Kuznetsova reach China Open final

BEIJING — Serena Williams overcame problems with her serve to defeat Russia's Vera Zvonareva 6-2, 6-3 Saturday, advancing to the China Open final against U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova.

Kuznetsova beat Wimbledon champion and Russian countrywoman Maria Sharapova 6-2, 6-2 in the other semifinal.

Liberty, Monarchs win WNBA playoff opener

DETROIT — Elena Baranova scored 17 points Friday night to lead the New York Liberty to a 75-62 victory over defending champion Detroit in Game 1 of their first-round WNBA playoff series.

The loss means the Shock will have to win Sunday and Tuesday in New York to avoid being eliminated in the best-of-three series.

In Sacramento, Calif., Tangel Smith scored 21 points as the Sacramento Monarchs took a 1-0 series lead over the top-seeded Los Angeles Sparks.

Polesitter Mayfield in need of victories

BY DICK BRINSTER

The Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Jeremy Mayfield needs more than a victory at Dover International Speedway to get back in the thick of the Nextel Cup championship race.

With his title hopes seriously damaged a week ago, Mayfield will try to use Sunday's MBNA America 400 to get back in the chase. He crashed last Sunday in New Hampshire after Robby Gordon intentionally spun Greg Bife.

A 35th-place finish left Mayfield 142 points behind leaders Kurt Busch and Dale Earnhardt Jr. after the first of 10 races among the championship contenders are near valuable points and great momentum achieved a week earlier when Mayfield qualified for title contention with a victory in Richmond, Va.

"I think we're going to have to do that every week from here on out to try to rebound from that thing," Mayfield said Friday after winning the pole for Sunday's race. "When the going gets tough we feel like we perform our best."

Mayfield won't curse his bad luck.

"We kind of like being the underdog," he said. "We're going to fight it out to the end."

On Sunday, he won't qualify as anything but the favorite after taking the pole at The Monster Mile with a lap at 159.405 mph. That gave him a qualifying sweep this year on the high-banked concrete oval.

"Anytime you have a race track you run pretty good at you're confident," he said. "Now we're just got to go out and win the race and get back the points that were taken away from us last week."

Busch, who won the Sylvaia 300, qualified 13th Friday.

Earnhardt wound up 16th on the 43-car grid.

"I was happy with the first lap, but on the second we got pretty loose," Earnhardt said. "Sometimes it's like running across railroad tracks."

Ryan Newman, like Mayfield unlucky in New Hampshire,

MBNA America 400 lineup

NASCAR Nextel Cup After Friday qualifying: race Sunday At Dover Downs International Speedway, Dover, Del. Lap length: 1 mile

- (1) (19) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 159.405 mph.
- (2) (12) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 159.018.
- (3) (25) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 158.346.
- (4) (9) Elliott Sauter, Ford, 158.268.
- (5) (15) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 158.203.
- (6) (18) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 157.975.
- (7) (2) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 157.743.
- (8) (17) Jeff Burton, Dodge, 157.701.
- (9) (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 157.698.
- (10) (42) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 157.628.
- (11) (88) Dale Jarrett, Ford, 157.611.
- (12) (9) Mark Martin, Ford, 157.604.
- (13) (97) Kurt Busch, Ford, 157.473.
- (14) (21) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 157.439.
- (15) (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 157.157.
- (16) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 157.088.
- (17) (40) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 156.965.
- (18) (10) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 156.815.
- (19) (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 156.745.
- (20) (9) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 156.692.
- (21) (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 156.678.
- (22) (32) Bobby Hamilton Jr., Chevrolet, 156.563.
- (23) (20) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 156.515.
- (24) (01) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 156.454.
- (25) (17) Brendan Gaughan, Dodge, 156.329.
- (26) (39) Casey Mears, Dodge, 156.060.
- (27) (45) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 155.898.
- (28) (41) Jeff Green, Dodge, 155.817.
- (29) (22) Scott Wimmer, Dodge, 155.682.
- (30) (20) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 155.615.
- (31) (48) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 155.514.
- (32) (01) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 155.498.
- (33) (30) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 155.273.
- (34) (23) Mike Wallace, Dodge, 155.242.
- (35) (17) Kevin Pickett, Dodge, 155.075.
- (36) (40) Jimmy Spencer, Chevrolet, 154.913.
- (37) (51) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, 154.528.
- (38) (55) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 154.238.
- (39) (49) Jeff Leary, Dodge, provisional.
- (40) (99) Joe Ruttman, Dodge, provisional.
- (41) (98) Gorge Bodine, Ford, provisional.
- (42) (88) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge, provisional.
- (43) (72) Kirk Sheldermine, Ford, provisional.

Failed to Qualify

- (44) (02) Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet, 153.984.
- (45) (00) Carl Long, Ford, 152.452.
- (46) (22) Stanton Barrett, Ford, 150.999.
- (47) (13) Greg Gacks, Dodge, 151.335.
- (48) (50) Kenny Hendrick, Chevrolet, 149.161.
- (49) (99) Derrick Cope, Ford, 145.085.
- (50) (75) Mike Garvey, Dodge, DNF.

where he blew an engine late in the race, was second-fastest. Dodge got around the track at 159.018.

A surprising third in qualifying was rookie Brian Vickers. He did it in a backup, after crashing in practice. His Chevrolet went 158.346.

Broncos buck Boju's upset bid

Missed last-second FG extends Boise State's win streak to 15

BY DOUG ALDEN
The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — What started as another Boise State blowout came down to the final seconds.

The No. 21 Broncos led 16-0 in the first quarter, but needed a missed 38-yard field goal with 23 seconds remaining to hold off Brigham Young 28-27 on Friday night.

"I'll be real honest with you — I'm not kidding. I never for a moment thought we would lose that game," Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said.

The Broncos extended the nation's longest winning streak to 15 games, but had to rally to do it. The Broncos (4-0) and Cougars (1-3) traded lucky breaks and big plays all night, but Boise State got the one that mattered most when Matt Payne missed for the first time this season.

"Matt's a great player. He makes that 99 out of a hundred times," said BYU's Todd Watkins, who had nine catches for 211 yards and a touchdown.

Payne, who had field goals of 32 and 42 yards as the Cougars fought back from the early deficit, was just wide of the left upright and the Broncos ran out the clock.

Boise State averaged 55 points in its first three wins, but got its biggest test so far from the Cougars, who lost to the Broncos last year in Provo 30-12.

"That's how you build championships. They aren't built when you win 52-0," Broncos offensive lineman Daryn Colledge said. "We can come back. We know we can come back. We're a strong team." Jared Zahransky's 44-yard scoring pass to T.J. Acree with 3:42 remaining turned out to be the game winner. BYU had taken the lead on a pair of touchdowns passing from John Beck, who threw a 70-yard scoring strike to Watkins and a 57-yarder to Austin Collier late in the third quarter.

"I think we showed what kind of caliber team we are. We showed a lot," Watkins said.

BYU is 1-3 for the first time since 2000, LaVell Edwards' final season as coach. The Cougars haven't been ranked opponent since Gary Crowton took over for Edwards in 2001.



BYU's Brandon Heaney (34) yanks the facemask of Boise State receiver Drisan James (11) to break up a pass on Friday night. No penalty was called.

Beck led BYU with 390 passing yards, completing 20 of 35 attempts with two touchdowns. But again, he had no help from the running game as BYU finished with just 25 yards rushing.

Zahransky passed for 302 yards and two touchdowns, both to Acree, and the pair appeared to have the Broncos ahead to stay after the late score.

BYU got the ball back at its own 23, and got a huge break on a disputed pass interference call. Beck continued to lead the drive into field goal range, only to have Payne miss.

No. 21 Boise State 28, Brigham Young 27

Boise State	First Quarter	7	6	14	0-27
BSU—Safety, Beck tackled in end zone 40:57					
BSU—Acree 20 pass from Zahransky (Jones kick), 9:17					
BSU—Carter 5 run (Jones kick), 4:09					
BYU—Brown 2 run (Payne kick), 2:28					
Boise State	Second Quarter	13	10	6	6-28
BYU—FG Payne 32, 7:29					
BYU—FG Payne 42, 3:28					
Boise State	Third Quarter	13	10	6	6-28
BYU—FG Jones 27, 10:57					
BYU—FG Jones 27, 4:36					
BSU—Acree 20 pass from Beck (Payne kick), 2:41.					
BYU—Collier 57 pass from Beck (Payne kick), 3:38					
Boise State	Fourth Quarter	13	10	6	6-28
BSU—Acree 44 pass from Zahransky (pass failed), 3:42					
—30:01.					
First downs	BYU 13	BYU 13	BYU 13	BYU 13	BYU 13
Run plays	35-25	35-25	35-25	35-25	35-25
Passing	20-35-2	20-35-2	20-35-2	20-35-2	20-35-2
Comp.-Att.-Int.	20-35-2	20-35-2	20-35-2	20-35-2	20-35-2
Return Yards	7-44	5-42.8	7-44	5-42.8	7-44
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-29	5-46	2-29	5-46	2-29
Time of Possession	28:23	31:37	28:23	31:37	28:23

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—BYU: Brown 8-26, Tahl 5-16, Collier 1-6, Beck 17-misuns, 23.
Boise St.: Marks 13-30, Carter 7-20, Carpenter 5-16, Jones 3-16, Ombalanda 1-4, Bady 1-1, Heilmann 0-10, team 3-misuns (8), Zahransky 13-misuns (7).
Passing—BYU: Beck 20-35-2, 390. **Boise St.**: Zahransky 20-38-2, 302.
Receiving—BYU: Watkins 9-211, Collier 5-94, Kukuahio 3-26, Mahulua 1-20, Harris 1-2. **Boise St.**: Acree 7-133, James 5-28, Simpson 3-44, Bady 1-3, Weidert 1-15, Smith 1-12, Zahransky 1-8, Murray 1-7, Schomberg 1-1.

Singh keeps lead in Pennsylvania

The Associated Press

FARMINGTON, Pa. — Chris DiMarco shot Friday's best round in the 84 Lumber Classic, a 7-under 65, and put some pressure on leader Vijay Singh.

Singh shot 4-under 68 and leads 203 British Open champion Ben Curtis by two shots, with DiMarco another stroke behind.

Singh, who can set a PGA Tour season money record by winning the \$756,000 first prize, made his only bogey in two days but opened with two straight birdies and added three more birdies.

"I'm quite happy," said Singh, who recently overtook Tiger

Golf roundup

Woods for the world No. 1 ranking. "We got the weekend to end and there are a few more chances out there."

Kent Jones, Joey Sindelar and J.P. Hayes are tied at 7-under.

Inkster leads Longs Drugs

AUBURN, Calif. — Hall of Famer Jui Inkster, looking to win a tournament for the eighth consecutive year, shot 5-under 66 and took a one-stroke lead over Christi-

na Kim after two rounds of the LPGA Longs Drugs Challenge. Inkster, a two-time winner of the 9-year-old tournament, was at 10-under 132.

Kim began her second-round 69 with 13 straight pars, bogeyed 14 and then birdied three of the final four holes.

Five players, including Hall of Famer Karrie Webb, were at 134.

Stenson up one in Euro Tour

WOBURN, England — Henrik Stenson shot 5-under 67 Saturday for a one-stroke lead over Swedish countryman Patrick Sinclair after three rounds of The Heritage, a European Tour event.

phins discussed the matter with NFL Dolphins president Eddie Jones said Saturday.

"The Commissioner's office has asked the two teams to consider the larger public safety issues to determine when the game can best be played," Jones said in a statement.

The Steelers arrived in south

Florida on Friday, a day early, because of the hurricane.

Hurricane Jeanne is the latest in a string of weather problems that have plagued the Dolphins this season.

Miami's opening game against Tennessee was moved up one day and played on a Saturday because of Hurricane Ivan.

Classic: Close games for the norm in rivalry

CLASSIC, FROM BACK PAGE

"I feel the same way — he's a very, very worthy opponent," Parcells said.

Gibbs has tried this week to deflect attention from the coaches to the players. If history is any indication, he has a point.

Neither Gibbs nor Parcells had anything to do with the defining moment of their 1980s matchups — the Monday night game on Nov. 18, 1985, when Joe Theismann's leg was broken on a sack by Lawrence Taylor.

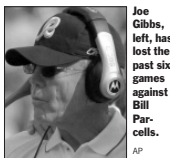
Gibbs spent the next few seasons shuffling quarterbacks, while Phil Simms kept plugging along for the Giants. Gibbs won just one on-strike game against Parcells after Theismann's injury, prevailing during the Redskins' 1987 run to the Super Bowl title.

"Tremendous rivalry," Parcells said. "It was just such a good division at the time. Both teams were very talented with Hall of Fame players."

Gibbs rarely socialized with opposing coaches, and Parcells was no exception. Although the coaches' philosophies and meticulous work patterns are similar, Gibbs' soft-spoken humbleness doesn't mesh at all with Parcells' entertaining prickliness. The pair's lengthy interaction came when they played a round of golf a few years ago, when both were out of the NFL.

"We saw each other when we weren't coaching, when we were friendly," Parcells said. "It's just like having a lot of respect for the enemy. Now he's not my enemy, he's a friend, but he's not my enemy on (Monday), and I'm sure he feels the same way."

While all the attention is on the coaches, there are some potential-



ly major subplots that could determine the winner Monday night.

The Redskins are expected to start Patrick Ramsey on the back because Mark Brunell is hurt, and three-time Pro Bowl linebacker Larry Arrington is out with a knee injury. The Cowboys also lost rookie running back Julius Jones to a shoulder injury, 40-year-old Vinny Testaverde should have a busy night.

The Cowboys have won 12 of the past 13 meetings, a source of frustration for Redskins owner Dan Snyder. But Gibbs-Parcells is overshadowing the usual comparisons between hands-on owners Snyder and Jerry Jones.

Both teams have played aspirations, but also show signs of major problems. Or, as Parcells told his team this week: "There's a heck of a difference between a good team and what we are right now."

In other words, it might be a stretch to expect another Gibbs-Parcells classic. These coaches need more time with their teams before they can mold them into perennial contenders, as they did all those years ago.

"This is a different time. It's a different place. It's a different cast of characters. It's not the same. It'll never be the same," Parcells said. "It's a new generation. It's a new stadium. It's a new everything. You can't try and make it the same."

Survey says Indians do not object to nickname Redskins

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A poll of American Indians found that an overwhelming majority of them are not bothered by the nickname of the Washington Redskins.

Only 9 percent of those polled said the name of the NFL team is "offensive," while 90 percent said it's acceptable, according to the University of Pennsylvania's National American Election Survey, released Friday.

Annenberg polled 768 Indians in every state except Hawaii and Alaska from Oct. 7, 2003, to Sept. 20, 2004.

The survey found little disparity between men and women, young and old. However, 13 percent of Indians with college degrees said the name is offensive, compared with 9 percent of those with some college and 6 percent of those with a high school education or less. Among self-identified liberals, 14 percent found the term disparag-

ing, compared with 6 percent of conservatives.

The franchise began in Boston as the Braves but was purchased in 1932 by George Preston Marshall, who changed the name to honor head coach William "Lone Star" Dietz, an American Indian. The team kept its moniker after moving to the nation's capital in 1937.

Some Indian leaders in 1999 argued mascot have since been challenged.

A panel of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office canceled the team's trademarks in 1999 on the grounds that the name disparages American Indians in violation of federal trademark law. But last year, a federal judge ruled the team can keep its name, finding insufficient evidence to conclude it is an insult to American Indians.

Some Indians leaders are still pressing their case, noting that many schools with similar mascots referencing Indians have made name changes recently.

Hurricane postpones Steelers-Dolphins game

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Hurricane Jeanne forced the postponement of Sunday's game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Miami Dolphins. The game has not been rescheduled.

The decision to postpone the game was made after the Dol-



Denver Broncos safety John Lynch is unable to stop Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Ernest Wilford (19) from scoring the game's only touchdown in the second quarter on Sept. 19. The Jaguars won 7-6.

Jaguars not afraid of titans

BY TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — When it comes to the Jacksonville-Tennessee rivalry, Byron Leftwich isn't a history buff.

"I've only been here a year," the Jaguars quarterback said with a laugh.

He's not alone. The surprising 2-0 Jaguars have added 36 players since the 2002 season ended.

Only four Jaguars remain from 1999, when they lost three games to the Titans, including the AFC championship game.

Leftwich says all that matters is the present, and veteran Jaguars running back Fred Taylor agrees.

"Forget about all the stuff that's happened in the past. This is a new year. You can throw all that stuff out. It's brand new teams, and the best team will win on Sunday," Taylor said.

One thing remains unchanged in this rivalry: Whoever wins Sunday takes a big step in the division. The Jaguars are now atop the AFC South, their first division lead since the end of the 1999 season.

The Titans (1-1), upset with themselves after a 31-17 loss to Indianapolis, try to avoid a losing skid this early.

"I don't think it's Jacksonville or old," Titans left tackle Brad



Hopkins said. "It's definitely different circumstances, and I think it's almost a must-win for us because we've got to get back on track."

The Jaguars won their first two games with late plays, including a 7-6 victory over Denver last week. Titans coach Jeff Fisher refuses to call Jacksonville's record a product of luck.

"There are a lot of teams that have scored a lot of points that are 0-2," Fisher said. "2-0 is 2-0. ... They win the game because they make a play they need to at the end."

Jacksonville has won with a defense that has allowed 16 points total, and the Jaguars have scored just 20 points. The Jaguars are holding teams to an AFC-low 2.8 yards per rush and haven't allowed a touchdown running ball.

"They have embraced the physical part, and we anticipate developing as a football team and growing and getting a little better

week to week," Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio said. "That is the challenge for us."

The Titans certainly will test them.

Steve McNair may have Tyronne Calico (sprained knees) available for the first time this season, along with Jake Schifano to boost the receiving corps. Derrick Mason and Drew Bennett also have something to prove after dropping would-be TD passes against the Colts.

Chris Brown will try to become the second NFL running back to rush for 100 yards in each of his first three starts against a defense that has an NFL-best stretch of 17 straight games without allowing a 100-yard rusher. Stump Mitchell did it for the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1980s.

"Everyone thinks it's a fluke," Jaguars linebacker Mike Peterson said of the streak. "Every week, the teams have a top running back, and they don't shy away from the run against us. I'm sure Chris Brown is saying to his coach, 'Coach, run me, run me. Don't shy away from the run.'"

Five of the last seven games in this series have been decided by single digits, including a 10-13 Titans victory Nov. 16. Del Rio thinks his offense will improve if the Jaguars can upgrade little things running and converting third downs.

Only the 1942 Chicago Cardinals ever started 2-0 while scoring only 20 points.

Chargers, Broncos still trying to find strengths

BY EDDIE PELLIS
The Associated Press

DENVER — The team with the mastermind on offense couldn't get into the end zone last week. The team with the defensive-minded coach gave up 34 points.

Two weeks into the season, it's safe to say the Denver Broncos and San Diego Chargers are still trying to figure out exactly who they are and what they do best. The teams meet Sunday, both with 1-1 records and both coming off losses.

The Broncos lost 7-6 to the Jaguars. The Chargers lost 34-28 to the Jets.

"I think what you do as a head coach is you forget about offense and defense and you bring in players you feel will complement where you are in your program," Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

Maybe that explains why Schottenheimer, who has always focused on defense, used a first-round pick to take quarterback Philip Rivers, even though his team already has Drew Brees and Doug Flutie.

And maybe that explains why Mike Shanahan, the offensive genius, traded away his star running back, Clinton Portis, to get cornerback Champ Bailey.

For Denver, the defensive moves are paying off. Even though the Broncos lost last week, they gave up only 176 yards.

But now, offense is the issue. Jake Plummer struggled throughout the preseason, and though the Broncos got off to a strong start in the opener against Kansas City, last week's six-point performance against Jacksonville has brought up new questions.

Question No. 1: Is Quentin Griffin a fumbler? He lost one against the Chiefs and one against the Jaguars that cost Denver the game. Although Shanahan and Griffin each insist there's no big problem, Griffin is visibly upset and felt like he let his team down.

"He's going to face this, and I think it's key for him how he gets over this," Plummer said. "It's how he gets over the whole thing and lets it go. I have full faith that he is going to come out here and practice hard and have a great game on Sunday."



Question No. 2: Can Plummer be the guy to lead the team to a championship? When he's good, he's good. But he could also lead the Broncos to a touchdown despite holding the ball for 37 minutes last week. And that left-handed interception against the Chiefs had to send chills down Shanahan's spine.

Denver will find more answers this week against a 3-4 scheme designed by defensive coordinator Wade Phillips — he coached the Broncos in 1993-94 — who was brought in to improve a defense that ranked 27th last season.

Because it's seen less than traditional defenses, the 3-4 is supposed to cause problems. Through two games, though, the Chargers have allowed 48 points and 716 yards.

Schottenheimer has long been involved in 3-4 and says it's easier to find personnel to run it.

"My sense is that the versatility it brings is probably the No. 1 criteria for it," he said. "I think secondarily, you've got an opportunity when you're only looking for three down linemen, that you maybe can find enough to put that complement together."

In other words, the Chargers would rather attack with linebackers Donnie Edwards and Randall Godfrey than leave it to a relatively unaccomplished group of linemen.

Thus far, it has been the offense that has been surprisingly effective for the Chargers.

Brees has an 88.8 passer rating, and is expected to start Sunday despite leaving last week's game with a concussion. And LaDain Tomlinson has run for 208 yards and two scores.

One thing Tomlinson has never had is a good game on the road against the Broncos. He has yet to crack 80 yards or score a touchdown in three games at Denver.

Loophole allowed NFL player with 2 DUIs to keep driving

BY MATT SEDENSKY
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — An NFL player's repeated drunken driving arrests have helped expose a loophole in a national registry that allows some offenders to remain behind the wheel even after a state suspends their licenses.

The apparent flaw came to light after the Sept. 20 DUI arrest of Kansas City Chiefs cornerback Eric Warfield, his third. Warfield's Kansas license had already been suspended, but a valid license issued in Nebraska last summer kept him on the road.

The Nebraska license was issued two

weeks after Warfield pleaded no contest to his second DUI — but five days before the conviction and a 1-year driving suspension were posted to the National Driver Register.

"Why would it take so long?" questioned Cheryl Jones, a national board member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "States should be able to talk to each other or have a cross reference some way to go in and check to see if there's a license suspended in any state."

All 50 states and the District of Columbia use the registry to identify whether license applicants have outstanding suspensions or convictions for serious traffic offenses.

But the speed at which prosecutors hand over information to motor vehicle departments, and the efficiency of those offices in processing such violations, creates a window for a convicted offender to seek a license in another state.

For people like Warfield, who owns a home in Nebraska, the lapse allows use of a legitimate address to legally obtain a license.

Warfield's first arrest was Dec. 18, 2001, in Lenexa, Kan. On March 13, 2003, he was arrested in Overland Park, Kan., on another DUI, and pleaded no contest June 19, 2003.

But notice of the plea didn't reach the

Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles until July 1, according to Marcy Ralston, manager of the state Driver Control Bureau. He got his Nebraska license with a clean record July 2, 2003.

"He did not do anything illegal," said Betty Johnson, the head of records at the Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles.

The case illustrates the lack of guidelines for states' reporting to the driver registry, said Tim Hurd, a spokesman for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "Fifty different states, 50 different ways of doing this," Hurd said.

Warfield faces up to a year in jail if convicted of his third offense. He also could be subject to a suspension from the NFL.

Chiefs' woeful defense looking for turnaround

Kansas City, Houston face off in battle of winless teams

BY DOUG TUCKER

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Fantasy league players not making Houston's Domonique Davis this week's primary pick have not been paying attention.

With only 130 yards rushing, Davis would be the third running back in three weeks to drill Kansas City's "Career Day Defense" for his most productive game as an NFL back.

And the way the winless Chiefs have been missing tackles and blowing assignments, 130 seems little to ask.

First it was Denver's Quentin Griffin going 156 yards in a 38-24 victory. Last week, DeShaun Foster, subbing for an injured starter, not less, breezed 174 yards to lead Carolina's 28-17 win.

Each total was the player's career high, creating increasing pressure and deepening embarrassment for a defense that added virtually no new players — only a new coordinator — after finishing 29th overall last year.

"We're trying so hard to get this first win, to get this monkey off our back," said safety Jerome Woods, who went to the Pro Bowl last year in his eighth season. "We're just going to have to go out and play better than we did the last couple of weeks. Once we figure out how to stop the big plays, I think we'll be all right."

While preparing for the only game this week between 0-2 teams, the Chiefs have

"We're trying so hard to get this first win, to get this monkey off our back."

Jerome Woods

Kansas City Chiefs safety

taken careful note of Davis' propensity to cough up the ball.

The Texans have outgained each opponent in their defeats. But they've been scuttled by an unappealing minus-6 turnover differential, thanks largely to Davis' four lost fumbles.

"We want to keep him in that profile, try to get the ball on the ground, make it into a basketball game and try to force (quarterback David) Carr into some interceptions, get some turnovers," said defensive end Eric Hicks.

Not lost on Davis and the Texans are Kansas City's problems on defense, particularly the way running backs have been rewriting their career stats.

"From the little bit of film we watched, we can do some things if we protect the ball and do what we have to do," Davis said.

But he also knows the Chiefs are certain to bear down on his own nasty habit.

"Everyone's trying to strip it now," he

said. "I'm like the main target, so I know they're going to come after me and try to strip it, so I have to try to protect it."

Despite their turnover troubles, Houston coach Dom Capers said the Texans did not spend undue practice time learning to hold on to the football.

"We spent the normal time that we do," he said. "We try to emphasize with our guys on defense that we want them to strip the ball every time we hand the ball off or our receivers have the ball downfield — that we want them punching at the football to make our offensive players conscious of locking that thing away and protecting it."

The Chiefs' biggest problem for three years has been a tendency to get gouged for big gains, such as the team-record 71-yard sprint Foster broke on Sunday.

"You see their defense play well at times, they've just been struck by the big play," said Capers.

The Texans have the NFL's longest losing streak at six, going back to last season. But the Chiefs are 2-4 in their past six games.

The Chiefs, 13-3 last year and AFC West champions, have been sputtering on offense as well as defense. Quarterback Trent Green has thrown only one touchdown pass and, against Carolina, the offense managed only one TD.

Additionally, there was concern injuries could sideline All-Pro running back Priest Holmes and wide receiver Eddie Kennison, or at least keep them from going full speed.



Houston Texans running back Domonique Davis (37) has lost four fumbles and figures the winless Kansas City Chiefs' defense will target him on Sunday.

"I am hopeful they will be able to play," coach Dick Vermeil said.

"What scares me is (the Texans) are a better football team than the 0-2. I just told the football team, the reason they're 0-2 is more easily defined than the reason we're 0-2 and their problems are more easily correctable than ours are."

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SEB blanks Bitburg in Corcoran's Ties

Stars and Stripes

BITBURG, Germany — Senior Sean Corcoran threw two touchdown passes as defending Division II champ SHAPE blanked Bitburg 24-0.

After a scoreless first period, Corcoran connected on a 15-yard scoring pass to Zach Rabiago and a 31-yarder to Marvin Combes to give the Spartans a 14-0 half-time edge.

SHAPE guided the lead on a 5-yard TD run by Kociek Reed and a 35-yard field goal by Combes.

Corcoran finished 8-for-14 for 135 yards. Steve Small led the SHAPE ground

Div. II football

II-North. Linebacker Richard Rendon had 16 tackles and Reed had 13.

Bitburg, which got 11 tackles from Simon Shaw, fell to 1-1 overall and to II-North.

In other Division II games on Saturday: **ISB 14, London Central 0:** Philip Lipman ran for two first-half touchdowns to lead the International School of Brussels

game with 80 yards on 15 attempts. That was more than enough for the SHAPE defense, which pushed the Spartans to 2-0 overall and 1-0 in Division II.

Andrew Vanderlin and Adam Shapiro had interceptions and Drew Thiagen recovered a fumble for ISB (2-0).

London Central (0-2), in its first season in D-II, got 83 yards on 14 rushes by Ray Berges and 61 yards on 10 carries by Foxy Thomas.

Naples 33, Vilsek 8: Senior Mark Pearyer returned a punt 72 yards for a touchdown with 1:39 left in the third quarter to kick-start the Wildcats on a game-ending run of 26 unanswered points in Naples, Italy.

Pearyer's return allowed Naples (2-0, 1-0 II-South) to pull away from a hard-hitting Vilsek team, which had just taken a 7-6 lead on Kevin Menonna's 3-yard TD run.

Naples got fourth-quarter touchdowns on a 2-yard run by Austin Webb and interception returns of 39 and 48 yards for touchdowns by Mike Monaco.

Monaco's second score came after an attempted tight end screen pass deflected into his arms off the head of an official. Webb, who carried 28 times for 119 yards, also caught a 7-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Tyler Torrenz. Vilsek fell to 1-1.

High school scoreboard

Goal

(Scoring is modified Stanford, awarding six points for a goal, four for a brace, three for a par, two for a goal and one for a brace. Division II games are double-headers for two players, and four players are required to register a team score.)

Patck quadraguar

Team scoring — Patch 146, Würzburg 132. Vilsek 26, Bamberg 18.

Individual leaders

1. Stephen Foy (Patch) 47; 2. Miles Presnell (Würzburg) 35; 3. Derrick Hamilton (Patch) 30; 4. Madison Kennedy (Würzburg) 24; 5. Adam Grotz (Patch) 23; 6. Jonathan McKelton (Würzburg) 34.

Most points

Closest to the pile — Tribble.

Team scoring

Würzburg 64, Patch 27. Vilsek and Bamberg were incomplete.

1. Francis Smythe (Würzburg) 17; 2. Sara Greenberg (Würzburg) 20; 3. Caroline Gotsch (Patch) 14; 4. Sabrina Perrot (Patch) 10; 5. Rebecca Smythe (Würzburg) 9; 6. Stephanie Haynes (Patch) 9.

Longest drive

1. F. Smythe.

Closest to the pile

1. Perrot.

Noteworthy

First home match for Patch in 4 years.

Tennis

(All matches Saturday unless otherwise indicated. Individual forfeits not listed.)

Amishch at Bamberg

(Friday)
Dillon Baker (de) Tristen Kostelink 6-0, 6-0; Cullen O'Neil (de) Bobby T. Jr. 6-0; Javier Gonzalez (de) Talay Adair 6-0.

Bamberg girls vs. Amishch

1. Lila Montoya (de) Roxanne Vlasia 6-1, 6-1; 2. Tami S. (de) Sara K. 6-0; 3. Rachel Garvey (de) Sara Callahan 6-3; 4. Monica and Engels (de) Victoria and Capshaw 6-1, 6-1.

Mannheim at Bamberg

(Saturday)
Rained out.

ISB at Heidelberg 2

1. Michael Sanchez (Heid) def. Nicolas Sepanos 6-1, 6-1; 2. Ken Koide (ISB) def. Sam Pohl 6-0, 6-0; 3. Alec Romney (ISB) def. Kevin Ingram 6-0; 4. Blair Martini (Heid) def. Richard Woodruff 6-0; 5. Gabriel Perez (ISB) def. Steven Rhodes 6-1; 6. Oliver White (ISB) def. David Kay 6-0; 7. Sepanos and Koide (de) Sanchez and Ingram 7-6, 6-3; 8. Woodruff and Romney def. Pohl and Martin 5-8 (7-3); Perez and White def. Rhodes and Kay 6-2.

ISB girls vs. Heidelberg 4

1. Paula Glover (ISB) def. Molly King 6-3, 6-1; 2. Tami S. (ISB) def. Christina Stahl 6-0; 3. Grace Johnson (ISB) def. Christina Stahl 6-0; 4. Paulina Ross (Heid) def. Rachel and Vlasia 6-2; 5. Vlasia Shabat (ISB) def. Karen Griffin 6-4; 6. Glover and Tami S. (de) King and Stahl 6-0; 7. Ryan and Stahl (de) Simms and Shabat 6-0.

Kaiserslautern at Kaiserslautern

1. John Keenan (de) Greg Thompson 6-0, 6-1; 2. Brian K. (de) Alan Peterson (Lako) def. Sam Verkes 6-0; 3. Brown and Smith 6-0; 4. Brad Ivins def. Brown 9-8 (7-3); 5. Ivins and Smith 6-0; 6. Matt Tiras (de) Tiras and Smith 6-0.

Jacquie Esquerra (Lako) def. Mandris Smith 6-1, 6-1; 7. Heidi Hergberg (Lako) def. Jessica Gelpi 6-0; 8. Morgan Peterson (Lako) def. Duke Babatunde 6-0; 9. Kathy Lightberger (Lako) def. Martin Smith 6-0; 10. Grace (Lako) def. Abigail Hugin 6-1; 11. Jessica Beffon (Lako) def. Ashley Enrichsen 6-0; 12. Barbara and Mertins (de) Kasia Brown and Felicia Lamotte 6-0; 13. Jackie Sullivan and Jessica Lamotte (Lako) def. Hugin and Enrichs 6-0.

Vilsek at Wiesbaden

1. Desirée (de) Joannee 6-0; 2. Joannee 6-1; 3. Amelia Kimmich (Wies) def. Heidi Enrichs 6-0; 4. Sara Kimmich (Wies) def. Morlock 6-0; 5. Camille Romero (Wies) def. Jessica Smith 6-0; 6. Bianca Kimmich (Wies) def. Stephanie McGuire 6-0; 7. Gabrielle Kuhl 6-0; 8. Bianca Kimmich (Wies) def. McGuire and Kimmich 6-0; 9. Hugin and Johnson 6-2; 10. Kimmich and Kimmich 6-0; 11. Morlock and Smith 6-2; 12. Hugin and Jennifer 6-0; 13. Kimmich and Kimmich 6-0; 14. Jennifer Yapp 6-0.

Wiesbaden boys vs. Vilsek 0

1. Daniel Lohmer (de) Jacob Johnson 6-0, 6-0; 2. Matt and Jeff. Byron (de) Kimmich and Barrechea 6-0; 3. James Johnson 6-1; 4. Steven

Bitburg's Nichole Griep, left, and Ashley Kazimierz go up to block a spike attempt by Heidelberg's Julia Roberts during DODDS high school volleyball action at Frankfurt International School on Saturday. Heidelberg beat Bitburg 25-21, 26-24, 22-25 and 25-19.

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Cephas makes key block for Aviano

BY KENT HARRIS

Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — Returning two fumble recoveries for touchdowns wasn't enough for Carl Cephas to give his team a win Saturday.

He blocked a punt as Aviano defeated Vicenza 20-13.

Cephas scored from 60 yards and 20 yards in the first half, then turned Vicenza's first possession in the fourth quarter into the winning points.

With the game tied 13-13, the Cougars (1-1) were forced to punt from their own 25-yard line. Cephas came hard from the left side and got the block.

"I really didn't think I was going to get it, but then I saw he was starting to come my way," said the junior from Tampa, Fla.

Aviano (1-1) took possession and gave the ball to running back Jacques Watson. After a 3-yard gain, Watson burst through the middle — shedding several tackles — and scored from 19 yards out to break the tie.

Anthony Young added the kick. Vicenza still had plenty of time, but two drives stalled with the help of penalties. A desperation pass from quarterback Robert O'Doherty was intercepted in the final seconds by Anthony Williams.

The Saints had their share of penalties as well and both teams had trouble sustaining drives in the second half.

Aviano did have the advantage on time of possession, though.

"We didn't have any big plays,



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Aviano running back Jacques Watson is surrounded by Vicenza players during the Saints' 20-13 victory over the Cougars on Saturday. It was the second game of the season for both schools, and each is now 1-1.

Results not received

The following football games were not reported to Stars and Stripes by pressetime on Saturday:
Heidelberg at Kalsruhe/Ludwig-Busseti at Sigonella. Results of the Patch-Manau game were incomplete.

but we kept the ball," coach Ken McNeely said. "We had some penalties that hurt us, or we would have had another [score]."

The Saints were fortunate to finish the first half tied.

Vicenza struck first, with O'Doherty finding a wide-open Daryl Gonzalez for a 66-yard touchdown. The Cougars, who won their first game of the season last week after a winless season a

year ago, couldn't convert the extra point.

But Vicenza was back in the end zone again as the second quarter opened.

Starting at their own 17, the Cougars moved the ball down to the 9 after two long pass plays. O'Doherty then tossed the ball into the end zone and the lanky Gonzalez outjumped everyone else and came down with his second touchdown. Patrick Bailey's kick was good.

Aviano, struggling to move the ball on offense, got on the scoreboard when Cephas picked up a O'Doherty fumble and ran up the right sideline. The kick after failed. But Cephas was back in

the end zone a few minutes later. Eric Lain couldn't control O'Doherty's pitch and Cephas grabbed the football. He hit the ground, but was untouched. So he got up and ran into the end zone.

"Two big plays and we had a tie game," said Vicenza coach Marvin Sessions. "We had the momentum. They weren't doing much offensively. It just happened."

O'Doherty was 12-for-20 for 218 yards. Gonzalez caught seven of those passes for 147 yards. He also intercepted a pass on defense. Vicenza had only 21 yards on 25 carries.

Watson had 113 yards on 24 carries for Aviano.

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Lakenheath shuts out Ramstein

Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — Jason Hacker sacked Ramstein quarterback Eric Murray in the end zone and Travis Howland intercepted a deflected pass and returned it four yards for a touchdown Saturday as Lakenheath shut out defending Division I champion Ramstein 8-0 in the conference opener for both teams.

The big second-half defensive plays allowed Lakenheath to improve to 1-1. Hacker's sack came one play after Ramstein had held Lakenheath on downs at the 1-yard line.

Ramstein (1-1) was undone by 14 penalties and the decisive interception.

Murray completed seven of 14 passes for 107 yards and gained 46 yards on 12 carries.

Brennan Relaford had four receptions for 77 yards.

Lakenheath's Jesse Smith rushed 14 times for 91 yards.

In Saturday's other Division I play:

Wiesbaden 40, Würzburg 0: At Würzburg, Germany, five different Wiesbaden players scored touchdowns as Wiesbaden won at Würzburg for the second straight week.

Basil Fry, who rushed for more than 200 yards in Wiesbaden's 39-12 nonconference victory last week, carried 18 times Saturday for 93 yards and a touchdown.

Paul Williams, Dan Villareal carried five times for 41 yards and a TD.

Shannon McCray, who carried eight times for 33 yards, rushed for one TD and returned the second-half kickoff 70 yards for a score.

Jordan Ruger also rushed for a touchdown, and quarterback Steven Jewell threw a 38-yard scoring pass to Lones Siebert.

Division I football

Ansbach stretches streak to 18 with mercy-rule victory

Stars and Stripes

ANSBACH, Germany — The Ansbach Cougars stepped up a notch and won their 18th straight game with a 49-8 mercy-rule victory over Division II Mannheim on Saturday.

Running back James Esters scored on runs of 13, 35 and 23 yards, while tight end Russell Bailey scored twice on passes from Brandon Rachtel for Ansbach.

The Cougars rushed the ball 30 times for 395 yards and completed five of seven passes for 90 yards in the game, which lasted only three quarters.

Sixty of Ansbach's yards came on a swing pass to Bailey for the Cougars' fourth TD.

Esters carried eight times for 121 yards, and Dameron Outley added 104 yards on seven rushes.

John Willis also threw a TD pass for Ansbach, a toss to Tyler

Division III football

Sherman, and David Malone broke a 47-yard TD run that ended the game.

Mannheim, which got 106 rushing yards on 11 carries from freshman Jamal Womble, got on the board in the second period on Womble's 50-yard run around left end. Edward Williams' two-point pass to Matt Hall made it 35-7 at halftime.

Other Division III games Saturday:

Hohenfels 25, Giessen 0: At Giessen, Germany, Brandon Merriweather ran for a pair of touchdowns, and Sung Kyun Bryon and Taylor Arnett led a stifling defense as the Tigers blanketed the Griffins in a nonconference game.

Merriweather's runs of 50 and 18 yards came during the fourth

quarter as the Tigers (2-0 overall) finished their tuneup for Friday night's Division III-C showdown at home against unbeaten Ansbach.

Stephen Washington and Carlos Jones also scored for Hohenfels.

Bryon was credited with nine solo tackles and two assists.

Giessen fell to 0-2 overall.

AFNORTH 24, Rota 14: At Brunsum, Netherlands, Bryant Blankenship completed a pair of touchdown passes, and Kyle Winn and Jared Waters each rushed for more than 100 yards as the Lions won their first game in more than two years.

Blankenship threw TD passes of 34 yards to Sasha Miller and 13 yards to Winn in a game which was tied 7-7 at halftime.

Winn had 176 yards on 21 carries, while Waters rushed 19 times for 103 yards and a touchdown. AFNORTH's last win was a

season-opening 42-14 victory over Vilesek on Sept. 7, 2002. The Lions are 1-1.

Rota (1-1 overall) got 145 rushing yards and a touchdown from Joseph Casey.

Baumholder 45, Bamberg 25: At Baumholder, Germany, freshman quarterback Chris Bray ran for two touchdowns and passed for two Saturday as Baumholder downed Bamberg.

Bray, who plunged in for a pair of TDs in the early going, found Ron James with second-half scoring passes of 47 and 11 yards. Bray was 7-for-15 for 179 yards on the day.

James, who caught five passes for 143 yards, also set up a third TD with an interception return of 26 yards to the 1-1 over-all and 1-0 in III-D.

Bamberg (0-2, 0-1) had an early 12-0 lead on Christian

Peel's 42-yard punt return TD and a 30-yard pass from Marvin Gholston to Peel.

Tim Battie carried 10 times for 109 yards for Bamberg.

Memwith Hill 50, Alkenburg 8:

At RAF Alkenburg, England, junior Mike Bailey ran for 160 yards and scored five touchdowns, and freshman QB Matt Bailey added a TD pass and a TD run as the Mustangs rolled over the Dragons in a III-A game.

Mike Bailey scored on a 60-yard punt return, a 20-yard interception return, a six-yard pass from his younger brother. He also had runs of 35 and three yards.

LeShawn Adams added a running TD, and Ryan Gimmy booted a 28-yard field goal for Memwith Hill (2-0 overall and 1-0 in III-A).

Alkenburg got its points on Vincent Evalo's 15-yard interception return.

The Dragons are 0-2.

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Cowboys coach Bill Parcells is second among active coaches with 160 victories. Dallas is 12-1 in its past 13 games against Washington.

Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs ranks fifth among active coaches with 141 victories. He is 12-12 lifetime against the Cowboys.

Parcells, Gibbs meet for first time in 14 years

BY JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Joe Gibbs announced his return to the Washington Redskins, Bill Parcells sent a congratulatory fax.

"It said something like 'Does this mean we can't talk for the next five years?'" Gibbs said. Gibbs didn't bother to send a reply. It was his way of giving the obvious answer.

"Yeah," Gibbs said, recalling his thoughts upon seeing the message. "We'll wind up hating each other again."

Yes, the old adversaries are back at it, a pair of 63-year-old workaholics who just couldn't leave well enough alone despite five Super Bowl titles between them. They have spent this week

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plotting for their first meeting in 14 years, when the Washington Redskins (1-1) host the Dallas Cowboys (1-1) on Monday night.

"If you're a fan, what you want to see is a big game, where a lot's on the line, and there's a lot of history behind it," Gibbs said. "And certainly this game has all that."

Gibbs isn't know for his hyperbole, but he's got this one boys-Redskins makes for a big

Close encounters
Bill Parcells is 11-6 in head-to-head matchups against Joe Gibbs. Here are the results of each meeting, with home team in parenthesis:

1990 - Giants 24, Redskins 20 (W)
Giants 21, Redskins 10 (W)
1989 - Giants 27, Redskins 24 (W)
Giants 20, Redskins 17 (W)
1988 - Giants 27, Redskins 20 (W)
Giants 24, Redskins 22 (W)
1987 - Redskins 38, Giants 12 (W) #
Redskins 23, Giants 19 (W)
1986 - Giants 27, Redskins 20 (W)
Giants 24, Redskins 20 (W)
Giants 17, Redskins 0 (W)
1985 - Giants 17, Redskins 5 (W)
Redskins 23, Giants 21 (W)
1984 - Redskins 30, Giants 14 (W)
Giants 27, Redskins 13 (W)
1983 - Redskins 31, Giants 22 (W)

- Played with replacement players during strike.
* - NFC championship game

pegged. Cow- alone usually game, but how

the game." Parcells, who ended his second NFL retirement a year ago, is sec-

can anyone not be excited about a new chapter in a coaching rivalry that produced classic chess matches between Gibbs' Redskins and Parcells' Giants from 1983-90?

"Anybody who's been in football knows how I feel about this guy," Parcells said. "I think he's outstanding. I like him personally. I think he's one of the great coaches that ever coached

and among active coaches with 160 victories. Gibbs, who spent 11 seasons away in NASCAR until the Redskins lured him back in January, is fifth with 141.

But when they went head-to-head two decades ago, Parcells usually prevailed, winning 11 of 17 games, including the last six.

No wonder, when asked whether he was looking forward to facing his old foe, Gibbs quickly answered: "No."

"You don't want to go up against somebody that you consider is real good," Gibbs said. "I'd say he's definitely done the best job when I coach a team and he coaches a team, so hopefully we can find a way to overcome that."

Parcells responded by saying most games were close, and that he isn't exactly rubbing his hands with glee over facing Gibbs.

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